

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Country Report

His Excellency President of the VECONAC

The Honourable Heads of Delegates

Delegates and Observers

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Currently, Central Organizing Committee of our Myanmar War Veterans Organization (MWVO) was established under the direct monitoring of the President Office, supervised by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services as a Patron and comprised of Chairman, Lieutenant General Hsan Oo (Adjutant General) and 31 members.

2. MWVO has Central Organizing Committee, Central Head Office, (21) State and Region Supervising Units, (15) State and Region Organizing Units and (304) township Organizing Units to serve veteran affairs throughout the country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. The Objectives of MWVO are:

- (a) Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity, Perpetuation of National Sovereignty and to participate in the Social and Economic Development Activities.
- (b) To take part as an ancillary force of Armed Forces for national defence and security.
- (c) Helping each other in unity among the war veterans.
- (d) To take part in nation building endeavours heartily.

4. The current implementation process in MWVO is:

- (a) To co-ordinate with the concerned ministries matters related to national defence and security, nation-building and war veterans affairs.

- (b) To provide welfare and social needs to the members of war veterans.
- (c) To carry out measures to promote friendship, mutual assistance and solidarity among members.
- (d) To manage the economic activities of war veterans organization.
- (e) To maintain good practices and traditions of war veterans to show good examples to the next generation.
- (f) To carry out the education awareness and capacity building of the members of the war veterans.
- (g) To help newly retired war veterans who are facing settlement difficulties.

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5. By implementing the above objectives and the process,
- (a) A total number of Veterans officers 9112, other ranks 101088 and ancillary family members 135,293 trainees have been organized.
 - (b) A total number of 5,070 trainees have been trained by 108 training courses at three Veteran Training School.
 - (c) By coordinating with regional authorities, MWVO members have performed social and public beneficiary works including prevention of natural disaster incidents.
 - (d) Also invested in agriculture, livestock, trade, services and industrial sectors in accordance with the National Policy.
 - (e) The profit from the business has been used for the provision of veteran families' social welfare matters.

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6. Karuna Kaba Home for the Aged (Nay Pyi Taw) built with the aim of ensuring a safe and sound future for soldiers making sacrifices amidst the herculean hardships in shouldering national defence and national duties for many years and their families and increasing the number of heroic soldiers who daringly go into battle without hesitation in the service of the State. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and

Patron of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization has inaugurated at the Home in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 August, 2016. In this Home, a total of 35 buildings have been completed out of 38. Upon completion of all buildings, the home will give services to 180 men, 120 women and 48 couples of the aged.

7. Similarly, the home for aged (Yangon) will be constructed. Addition, the Tatmadaw is providing quality housings for war veterans and their families so that they can live comfortably. So far, the housings have been built in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Lashio and Homalin. More housing are under construction in Yangon, Magway, Papun, Dawei, Myeik and Kholan. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Patron of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization has met with the concerned authorities and provided necessary assistances for the war veterans.

8. MWVO's conferences have been held (4) times and were attended and directed by the Heads of State. The decisions made for future plans were being implemented.

9. In 2012, MWVO has joined VECONAC at its 14th General Assembly as a 9th member country. Since then, attending meetings, coordinating with member countries have been done and MWVO hosted the 15th VECONAC General Assembly and 27th Executive Board Meeting in 2014 and the 28th Executive Board Meeting in 2015.

10. In accordance with rules and regulations of the VECONAC, we took the chair position from 2014 to 2016 and have been performing the administrative duties of the VECONAC. In this 16th General Assembly, Myanmar War Veterans Organization is handing over Presidency to the Brunei Darussalam.

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11. Whilst implementing its objectives and responsibilities, MWVO is also performing duties as per policy laid down by the state for the interests of the nation.

12. We would like to assure that we will co-ordinate with other members of VECONAC in order to fulfill our duties according to VECONAC regulations whilst MWVO is in the chair. After Myanmar War Veterans Organization handed over Presidency to the Brunei Darussalam, we will cooperate with all Members Association to implement the VECONAC's Vision, Objectives, Rule and Regulation.

Thank you for your attention.