

Announcement on

CANCELLATION of SEAPAVAA's 24th Conference and General Assembly Da Nang, Vietnam 8th - 12th June 2020

This announcement is jointly issued by the SEAPAVAA Executive Council and the Vietnam Film Institute (host institution for SEAPAVAA's 24th Conference and General Assembly)

An Advisory on SEAPAVAA's 24th Conference and General Assembly scheduled to take place in Da Nang, Vietnam from 8th-12th June 2020, was jointly issued by the SEAPAVAA Executive Council (EC) and the Vietnam Film Institute (VFI) on 31st January 2020.

The Advisory stated that:

- the EC and the VFI were closely monitoring the developments of the Covid-19 situation, even as all preparations for SEAPAVAA's 24th Conference and General Assembly were proceeding as normal and it was fully expected that the event would take place as planned.
- should there be a need to cancel the event, the EC and the VFI would announce the cancellation by early May 2020.

Since the issuance of the Advisory, the developments of the Covid-19 situation around the world as well as the messages of concern that we have received from SEAPAVAA members and other parties interested in the work of the association, have led the EC and the VFI to conclude that it is needful to cancel SEAPAVAA's 24th Conference and General Assembly in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Notwithstanding this cancellation, SEAPAVAA's 24th General Assembly and the 2020 SEAPAVAA Elections for a new Executive Council (2020-2023) – originally scheduled to take place in Da Nang, Vietnam, on 11th June 2020 – will still proceed but in an <u>electronic</u> form. The EC and Secretariat will advise the SEAPAVAA membership of the implementation details in due course.

Thank you for understanding.

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