

***Dear esteemed members,***

It has been 18 months since I became President of EABC and since then I have dedicated lots of my time and efforts to realign- and further develop our association.

With joined efforts we have achieved a lot and have managed to transform the EABC into a cooperative- and sustainable association with a strong focus on advocacy, on being of added value for our esteemed members and a close collaboration with the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, the European bilateral chambers – and most important – with the Royal Thai government and other stakeholders.

Some of our joint achievements, by the staffs in the working groups and the Board:

- *Successful transformation into a financially profitable- and sustainable association*
- *Introduction of new member- and partnership schemes, offering special discounts to members of European bilateral chambers and granting easy access for SMEs*
- *Realignment of our collaboration with the European bilateral chambers*
- *Launch of a new website*
- *New e-newsletter format*
- *Introduction of a so called “Advisory Council” to provide a platform for dialogue and -exchange with the European bilateral chambers*
- *Introduction of EABC’s top ten advocacy areas*
- *Implementation of advocacy guidelines to better plan and coordinate our activities*
- *EABC working group events under the motto “Share, Meet & Enjoy”, open for EABC members and members of bilateral chambers*
- *And many more...*

With the introduction of a new government, a possible resumption of the FTA-talks and numerous other projects, EABC will be extremely busy in the near future. As I am not any longer able to dedicate the time needed to properly represent EABC, I have decided to resign as President and from the EABC board.

After having invested so much of my time and efforts into this important project it was not easy for me to take this decision but I am convinced that it was the only right one as during the upcoming months EABC needs a President who is available for the numerous meetings ahead and who is able to further develop our association.

I am happy that my colleague Jan Eriksson, a very experienced- and long lasting board member, will fill this important role until the next Annual General Meeting which is supposed to take place within the first quarter 2020 and I would like to wish Jan all possible success in his role as interim President of EABC.

For me personally it was an honor serving EABC and I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our members, the EABC board of directors, our team, the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, the European bilateral chambers and all other supporters of EABC!

I am wishing EABC all possible success for the future!

Sincerely yours,

Stefan Molnar