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## CALD LETTER ON THE OCCASION OF DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI'S BIRTHDAY

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Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

We, the members of the Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats (CALD), would like to extend to you our warmest greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 19. This day is doubly significant as Burma celebrates its Women's Day.

CALD is an umbrella organization of political parties in Asia and many of our members including the Democrat Party of Thailand, the Liberal Party of the Philippines, the Malaysian People's Movement Party (Gerakan) and the Sam Rainsy Party of Cambodia are actively engaged in the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Caucus on Myanmar (AIPMC). Other CALD members are the exiled National Council of the Union of Burma, the ruling Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan, the Singapore Democratic Party and the Liberal Party of Sri Lanka.

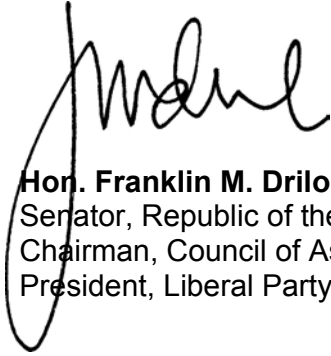
On this auspicious occasion, we reiterate our support to and solidarity with the people of Burma in your struggle to achieve freedom and democracy in your strife-torn country.

As Burma celebrates its Women's Day, CALD notes that women are most vulnerable in your country. We are alarmed by the dismal conditions of the people of Burma, especially women and children, who continue to suffer under the brutal military regime of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC).

We at CALD continue to urge the SPDC for your immediate and unconditional release from house arrest as well as the immediate and unconditional release of the estimated 1,500 political prisoners who continue to languish in various prisons across Burma. We continue to express our alarm over the increasing human rights violations of political dissidents and the general population. In particular, we find the military regime's practice of ethnic cleansing as most abhorrent.

We continue to express our impatience and frustration on SPDC's total failure to institute reforms and its unwillingness to return power to a democratically elected civilian government.

On this auspicious occasion, we underscore our solidarity with you and your colleagues at the National League for Democracy and other pro-democracy movements in your noble struggle towards genuine democracy and freedom in Burma.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franklin M. Drilon', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

**Hon. Franklin M. Drilon**  
Senator, Republic of the Philippines  
Chairman, Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats  
President, Liberal Party of the Philippines