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Hon. Emily Lau Chairperson Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Dear Hon. Lau:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the Democratic Party of Hong Kong (DPHK) for winning seats in the Legislative Council (LegCo). We also commend the people of Hong Kong for conducting the elections in a peaceful manner.

The elections showed remarkable results because of the notable rise of young leaders in parliament who will be at the forefront of the continuing democratic struggle in Hong Kong. We believe that the 30 pro-democracy seats won out of the 70 seats contested reflect the public's thirst for change. They are the same voices who fought for political rights and reform during the Occupy movement and we are optimistic that they will lay the foundation for more innovative, progressive, and inclusive policies that the people of Hong Kong deserves.

DPHK's victory is a testament of hard work, courage, and the steadfast commitment to human rights and rule of law that we all continue hold on to whether we are in power or not. As liberals, we press on regardless of the circumstances because we believe in what we always aspire for- freedom.

Amidst the emergence of "democratic recession" in the world today, DPHK's victory is, indeed, a breath of fresh air. While a lot remains to be done, the next steps definitely remain hopeful.

Again, congratulations and all the best!

Sincerely yours,

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