

18 November 2012

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, MP

Chairperson, National League for Democracy
Burma's Leader of the Opposition,
& Nobel Peace Laureate

Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats, let me extend our sincere gratitude for nominating Members of Parliament Dr. Myo Aung and U Naing Ngan Lin from your party to attend and participate in the CALD Conference on Democratic Transitions & Seminar on Climate Change which concluded today in Bangkok, Thailand. The presentations and interventions of Dr. Myo and Mr. Naing have proved to be most helpful in understanding the current situation in Burma as it undergoes a political transition.

We consider the political developments in Burma as having significant ramifications to the future of democracy in Asia. While we applaud the current political reforms in Burma with cautious optimism, it saddens us that a number of countries in the region, including my own country, are still suffering under authoritarian regimes pretending to be democracies.

It is in this light that solidarity among Asian democrats remains to be vital in advancing the cause of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the region.

We are confident that with the strengthening of relations between freedom fighters in Asia, we can look forward to the future with higher hopes and greater optimism.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Rainsy', is written above a horizontal line.

Sam Rainsy, MP

Chair
Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats