

17 May 2013

Dr. Koh Tsu Koon

Outgoing President

Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM)

Dear Dr. Koh:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), we would like to commend you for the courageous leadership you have shown the party throughout the past five years. We also express our admiration for your willingness to take responsibility and to make personal sacrifices for the interests of the party. This, we believe, shows the strength of your character and your inspiring resolve to put the party's welfare above everything else.

We hope that the PGRM will continue to commit itself to “a truly Malaysian non-racial approach towards the attainment of a united, secular and socially just Malaysia.” We are also confident that your party will take this temporary setback as an opportunity to strengthen itself so that it can again be of service to your countrymen. As the party moves forward to electing its new leadership in October this year, we trust that liberal and democratic ideals will remain as its compass in achieving a more inclusive and democratic society, and that these ideals be brought to bear in realizing the will and aspirations of the Malaysian people.

Rest assured that CALD is always ready to extend assistance to and cooperate with PGRM to mutually strengthen and develop political parties that will collectively move Asia to greater heights.

Once again, we send our felicitations for your hard work and service. We wish you the very best in your future endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Sam Rainsy

Chair

J.R. Nereus Acosta

Secretary General