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Hon. Franklin M. Drilon

Senate President, Republic of the Philippines

Vice Chairman, Liberal Party of the Philippines

Former Chair, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Dear Senate President Drilon,

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your election as Senate President of the 16th Congress of Republic of the Philippines.

We would also like to commend you and the whole *Team PNoy* for leading the senate campaign towards a 9-3 victory in the last May 13 election. Without a doubt, your role as campaign manager proved crucial in ensuring that honest leadership and trustworthy public service would gain resonance among the electorate.

We trust that your stewardship of the Philippine Senate will be a testament of a true liberal leadership that upholds the rule of law and promotes good governance. We believe that your steadfast commitment to the service of the Filipino people would continue to push for the reform agenda of President Noynoy Aquino and would further help build the trust of the people in the Senate as an institution.

Once again, we send our very best wishes and felicitations. We look forward to meeting you again in CALD's 20th anniversary celebrations in Manila on 8-11 November 2013.

Very truly yours,

Sam Rainsy

Chair

J.R. Nereus Acosta

Secretary General