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Hon. Tsai Ing-wen

President-elect, Republic of China

Chairperson, Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan

Dear Dr. Tsai:

Today is a great day for democracy.

On this historic day, Taiwan has once again showed the world one of democracy's finest moments – the peaceful transfer of power from one governing party to another. We revel on how your election commission has efficiently administered the electoral process, how your people have ardently exercised their right to vote, and how your political leaders zealously respect the will of the people. For many of us in Asia who are still struggling to put these democratic requisites in place, Taiwan remains to be an inspiration and a shining beacon of hope.

We in the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) are genuinely inspired by the results of the recently concluded presidential and parliamentary elections, which gave you and your party, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), an absolute majority. Your victory indeed signals a “new era” for Taiwan, and you can be assured that your Asian liberal family will be behind you as you carve Taiwan's rightful position in the world stage while addressing the pertinent issues that your people truly cared for.

CALD, as always, is pleased to witness these elections first hand, as a delegation from our member-parties is in Taipei since 13 January. The delegates are delighted to see the resounding electoral success of their sister-party, and are convinced that hard work, patience, perseverance and genuine concern for the people, which the DPP exhibited throughout the election process, are ultimately rewarded in the polls. They will go back to their respective countries deeply inspired and moved by their experience in Taiwan.

Today is a great day for democracy, and we thank you and the DPP for making this possible. Again, we send our sincerest congratulations. Long live the DPP and Taiwan democracy!

Sincerely yours,

Oyun Sanjaasuren, MP

Chairperson