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Dr. Tsai Ing-wen
Chairperson
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Dear Dr. Tsai:

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend its deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for hosting a CALD delegation to observe Taiwan's recently concluded city elections on 24-28 November 2010. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for providing the necessary financial support which made CALD's participation possible.

The election mission was a success in terms of serving as a venue for sharing experiences and best practices on election administration, campaign strategies, and political communication between and amongst CALD member parties. Furthermore, the mission also made the members of the delegation understand and appreciate more the importance of free elections and strong political parties in realizing the goals of a true and functioning democracy.

We are pleased that the DPP was able to win the mayoralty races in Kaohsiung and Tainan with majority of the votes, proving that these two cities remain to be strongholds of the party. While the results were not as favorable in Taipei, New Taipei (Xinbei) and Taichung, we take comfort in the fact that DPP made a strong showing in all these cities. More importantly, we recognize that the party was able to capture more than fifty percent of the popular votes overall, apart from significantly increasing its seats in the city councils. These, we believe, are indications that the DPP is regaining the trust of the Taiwanese people and is prepared to contest the parliamentary and presidential elections in the coming year.

Again, we convey our good wishes and felicitations to you and the DPP. We trust that the party will regain power in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

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