



# Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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**Hon. Oyun Sanjaasuren**

Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats  
Minister for Environment and Green Development, Mongolia

Dear Minister Oyun:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), let me extend our warmest congratulations to you on your recent election as first President of United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) in its inaugural session held yesterday, 23 January 2014. We believe that the more than 1200 participants from over 160 countries that met in Nairobi, Kenya made an excellent choice in putting you to this position, considering your expertise in and commitment to environmental, climate change and development issues.

We are pleased that you have been entrusted with this position at a time that CALD is also spearheading environmental initiatives for political parties in Asia. As you very well know, CALD embarked on a climate change programme in 2011, and in the past three years, we have made significant inroads in making climate change a foremost liberal agenda among our member-parties. In 2012, CALD adopted a historic statement on climate change which became our overarching framework in instilling environmental consciousness in our members and the general public. With you as Chairperson of CALD in the next two years, we have no doubt that we will be able to do more in developing a climate change resilient and adaptive Asian region.

As you assume the post as UNEA President, CALD declares its full support to your commitment to advance environmental, climate change and post-2015 development agenda issues worldwide. Like you, we believe that the time for action is now, and that we should collectively assume responsibility in protecting the global environment.

In fulfilling this global responsibility, we are certain that our shared commitment to liberal and democratic values and principles would continue to serve as our moral compass.

We trust that under your leadership, UNEA would become a stronger and more powerful voice for the cause of the environment worldwide. We wish you the best, and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming CALD Youth Climate Change Youth Camp in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Sincerely yours,

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Philippine Presidential Adviser for Environmental Protection