

## Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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Hon. Count Otto Lambsdorff

Former Chairman Board of Directors Friedrich Naumann Foundation Potsdam, Germany

Dear Count Lambsdorff:

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend to you its sincere gratitude for your invaluable support as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) from 1995 until your recent retirement.

It is noteworthy that CALD was conceptualized and founded during your tenure as head of our most important partner. You have personally witnessed CALD's challenging early stages when it was trying to create a name and a niche for itself. You and Countess Alexandra were with us during CALD's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last December, 2003 in Bangkok. During this occasion, no less than H.E Kim Dae Jung noted that "CALD has been the venue for various discussions related to democracy, and has developed as one of the epicenters in promoting democracy in Asia."

Ever since its inception in 1993, FNBF has stood side by side with CALD in its quest to promote liberal democracy in Asia. Such a partnership – characterized by parity, mutual respect and accountability, and synergy – has been invaluable in making CALD what it is today.

We extend to you and your family our warmest greetings.

Sincerely,

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**Senator Franklin Drilon** 

President of the Philippine Senate & Chairman of the Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats