



## Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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**Hon. Dr. Wolfgang Gerhardt, MP**

Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Friedrich Naumann Foundation  
Potsdam, Germany

Dear Dr. Gerhardt:

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend to you its sincere congratulations on your election as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF).

As you may know, CALD is the main regional partner of FNF for Asia. Ever since its inception in 1993, FNF has stood side by side with CALD in its quest to promote liberal democracy in Asia. Such a partnership has made CALD what it is today.

On the occasion of CALD's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, H.E Kim Dae Jung, Nobel Laureate, Former Korean President and CALD Co-founder stated:

*CALD has been the venue for various discussions related to democracy, and has developed as one of the epicenters in promoting democracy in Asia. CALD has greatly contributed to pursuing democracy as a common value of Asia beyond the differences in language, religion and culture. Compared to a decade ago, democracy has flourished in Asia. I would like to commend CALD for playing an important role in this outcome.*

To this day, FNF remains as our most important partner. It is a partnership that is characterized by parity, mutual respect and accountability, and synergy.

We are optimistic that with your vision and leadership, the alliance between our two beloved organizations will continue and even flourish.

Sincerely,

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**Senator Franklin Drilon**

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