



Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Unit 410 4/F La Fuerza Plaza 2, 2241 Don Chino Roces Avenue cor, Sabio St., Makati City 1231,
Philippines Tel: (+632) 819-6071 • Fax: (+632) 819-6055 • Email: info@cald.org • Website:
www.cald.org

19 May 2014

Hon. Sam Rainsy

President, Cambodia National Rescue Party
Former Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

Dear Hon. Sam:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), let me extend our warmest congratulations to the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) for its substantial gains in the sub-national elections held last 18 May 2014. We are very pleased to know that the improved performance of the political opposition in the 2012 commune elections translated into more concrete gains at the district, provincial and municipal levels in the recently concluded political exercise. From 579 seats in 2009, CNRP now has 764 councilors at the local level – an increase of more than 30 percent. More importantly, the party is now represented in all the districts across the country.

The results of the sub-national elections, where approximately 11,000 incumbent commune councilors participated, also attest to the CNRP's growing support not only among the members of the general public but also among commune officials. We are pleased to learn that the number of votes obtained by CNRP nationwide is higher than the number of councilors from the political opposition, indicating that commune councilors from other parties also voted for CNRP.

We are also happy to hear that the party won a majority in two districts – in Prey Veng and in Kampong Cham province, where CNRP received the titles of district council presidents. Moreover, we take note of another symbolic victory for the party in the form of a public defection by Cambodia People's Party (CPP) Deputy District Governor Nhem En of Oddar Meanchey province's Anlong Veng district.

These elections and political developments show that the CNROP is gaining ground in bringing democracy at the grassroots level. This is real democracy at work, and we at CALD could not be prouder of your success. Under your leadership, we have no doubt that the political opposition will soon lead Cambodia's transition to genuine democracy.

Sincerely yours,

SGD

Hon. Oyun Sanjaasuren

Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats
Minister for Environment and Green Development of Mongolia
Co-Chairperson, Civil Will Green Party of Mongolia