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Dearest Datin Anucia Tharumaratnam,

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) extends its deepest sympathies to you and your family. We received the news of Dr. Vijay's untimely demise yesterday and are truly saddened by the loss of a dear friend.

Dr. Vijay was a distinguished and humble public servant and a true liberal. He was one of the few who embodied the ideals of democratic reform and respect for human rights, irrespective of their often burdensome costs. Dr. Vijay, indeed, was such an encouragement to all of us in CALD.

We personally enjoyed the honour and the pleasure of Dr. Vijay's company in many CALD events, including our recent meeting in Kuala Lumpur last Sunday. We enjoyed our many engaging discussions over the years and have inspired by Dr. Vijay's views on how we could contribute, in our own little ways, to making positive changes in our respective countries.

We had the greatest respect for Dr. Vijay and will miss working with him. The CALD and the rest of the liberal family worldwide will miss his generous and jovial nature and his remarkable passion in serving the Malaysian people and the global community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in time of bereavement. We express our deepest condolences to you and your children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chee Soon Juan
Chair

Dr. Neric Acosta
Secretary General