

October 6, 2008

## **Hon. Apirak Kosayodhin** Governor of Bangkok Thailand

Dear Gov. Apirak,

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend to you its sincerest congratulations for being re-elected as Governor of Bangkok. Your victory is very much a victory for the growing liberal family as much as it is for the people of Bangkok.

As you may know, CALD is an alliance of political parties that promote liberal democracy in Asia. Since its inception in December of 1993, your party, the Democrat Party of Thailand (DP), as one of its founding members, has been actively involved in carrying out CALD's mandate of fostering the growth of societies based on personal liberty, personal responsibility, social justice, the rule of law and free market economy through its conferences, workshops, electoral missions and executive visits.

We are optimistic that with your vision and dedication, the democratic values that CALD continues to promote and uphold would remain vital in the growth and development of Bangkok.

We are confident that through your empowering leadership, the people of Bangkok would continue to be inspired and encouraged in promoting a society that protects civil liberties and human rights and guarantees transparency and accountability in governance.

Again, congratulations and we hope to see you again in future CALD events.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Neric Acosta** Secretary-General and interim Executive Director Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats