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## Hon. Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon

President

Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia

Dear Dr. Koh,

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) would like to extend to you its sincerest congratulations for being elected as the new President of the Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (PGRM). CALD likewise congratulates PGRM for a successful two-day National Delegates Conference.

As you may know, CALD is an alliance of political parties that promote liberal democracy in Asia. Since PGRM's acceptance as a CALD member party, it 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.

Your party, as often represented by Dato' Dr. S. Vijayarajam in the CALD Executive Committee Meeting, has greatly contributed to the success of every CALD activity. In fact, we are honoured to have the CALD 2<sup>nd</sup> Political Party Management Workshop hosted by PGRM in Kuala Lumpur this year.

We support you in implementing the eight strategies you proposed to ensure the effectiveness of PGRM in terms of reviving its impact to the people on promoting national unity and nation-building. CALD salutes you in your call for reforms to rejuvenate PGRM and the ruling coalition of Barisan Nasional to ensure a more efficient and transparent government and a more open society.

We are confident that with your vision and dedication, and through your empowering leadership, the democratic values that CALD continues to promote and uphold would remain vital in the growth and development of your party and the people of Malaysia.

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