



# **Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats**

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**Hon. Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya**  
Representative, 1st district of Cavite  
Philippine House of Representatives  
Secretary General, Liberal Party of the Philippines

Dear Congressman Abaya:

The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), whose Executive Committee convened today at the Province of Laguna, the Philippines, would like to extend its deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Liberal Party of the Philippines (LP) for hosting the 57<sup>th</sup> Liberal International Congress in Manila, Philippines on 16-20 June 2011. We, together with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty (FNF), were very pleased to work with LP as co-organizers of this global liberal event.

No less that Liberal International President, Hon. Hans van Baalen, MEP, described the Congress as a “great success and immense pleasure.” This would not have been possible without the time, effort and resources that the party devoted to make the Manila event, as how Liberal International officials put it, “one of the best Liberal International Congresses we had.”

We would like to thank, most specially, incoming Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) Secretary and LP President MAR Roxas and Speaker of the House of Representatives (HoR) Sonny Belmonte for hosting the dinners on 17 June and 18 June respectively. We would also like to send our sincere gratitude to your LP colleagues in the Philippine Congress, local governments, as well as staff from the LP headquarters that attended the LI Congress events and warmly welcomed our liberal friends from all over the world.

Again, we convey our felicitations and congratulations to the LP for your successful hosting of the Congress. We trust that with LP as governing party, the Philippines’ would continue to tread the “straight and righteous path” towards genuine democracy and progress.

Yours sincerely,

**Rajiva Wijesinha, MP**  
Chairperson

**J.R. Nereus Acosta, PhD**  
Secretary General