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H.E. Benigno Simeon C. Aquino

President, Republic of the Philippines

Chairperson, Liberal Party of the Philippines

Your Excellency:

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 Your Excellency for hosting the Opening Ceremonies and Luncheon of the 57th Liberal International Congress in Malacañan Palace on 18 June 2011. We also share the gratefulness of all the delegates for Your Excellency's gracious acceptance of the invitation to deliver the keynote address of the Congress.

With Your Excellency serving as Chairperson of the governing party, the Liberal Party of the Philippines, we are confident that your government would indeed be positively different from the regime you replaced. We are also pleased that Your Excellency recognized in your keynote address the values which binds us liberals - "the respect for the individual's rights and freedoms; the commitment to make growth inclusive and equitable, so that every man and woman may have the means to fulfill their fullest potential; and the unwavering compassion for those with little means to pursue their dreams."

We are proud that Your Excellency is part of the CALD family, having served as Secretary General during the term of then CALD Chairperson Butch Abad in 1999. As Your Excellency lead the Philippines' journey to the "straight and righteous path", we trust that your great nation would soon reap the benefits of genuine democracy and progress.

Please allow us, dear President Aquino, to express our sentiments of high consideration and appreciation for your contribution to the cause of democracy, human dignity, and individual freedom.

Yours sincerely,

Rajiva Wijesinha, MP
Chairperson

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Secretary General