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H.E. NAOTO KAN

Prime Minister of Japan
& President, Democratic Party of Japan

Your Excellency:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your recent election as Prime Minister of Japan and as President of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), a CALD observer party. We are confident that, with Your Excellency's proven competence and experience as finance minister and deputy prime minister, you would be able to reinvigorate the sense of optimism and hope inspired by your party's historic landslide victory last year.

The DPJ has been a CALD observer party since 2006, and had started participating in CALD events even before that. In December 2005, for example, Your Excellency, in your capacity as DPJ's special envoy, joined us in Rome, Italy for the seminar "CALD in Asia/Europe Strategic Partnership: The Future is Now". Since then, the DPJ has regularly participated in CALD events, the last one being the CALD Colombo Conference on Education held in March 2010, where Hon. Harunobu Yonenaga, MP and Hon. Itsuki Toyama, MP represented the DPJ.


We laud the DPJ for its immediate response to the unexpected resignation of H.E. Yukio Hatoyama as Prime Minister. While we were surprised and saddened by Prime Minister Hatoyama's departure, we are convinced that, under Your Excellency's leadership, Japan would be able to continue on the path of good governance and economic recovery.

We strongly believe that Your Excellency's commitment to build a country with a strong economy, strong finances and strong social welfare would restore the confidence of the Japanese populace in the government.


Finally, we extend our warmest good wishes to Your Excellency and the DPJ for the forthcoming elections for the upper house of the Diet next month.

In conveying again our good wishes and felicitations, we look forward to seeing Your Excellency again at future CALD events.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Rajiva Wijesinha, MP
Chair

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Dr. Neric Acosta
Secretary General