



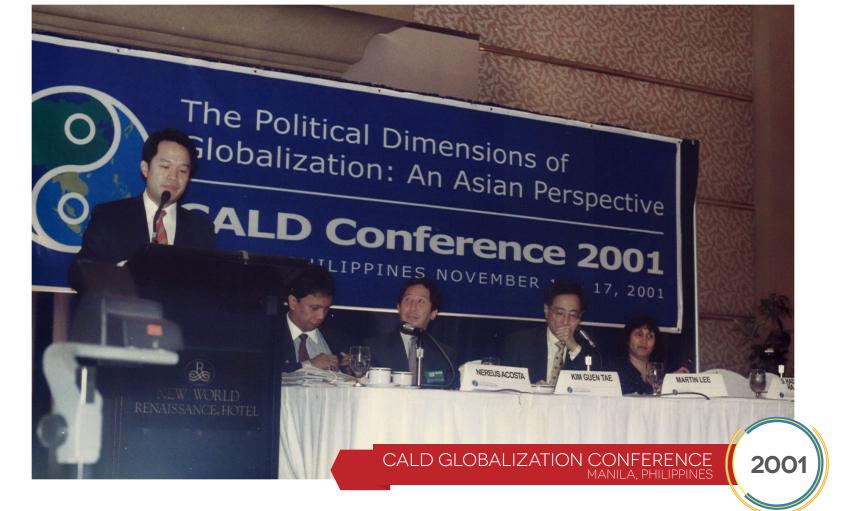
Advancement of liberal ideas, principles and solutions to common problems in the Asian region

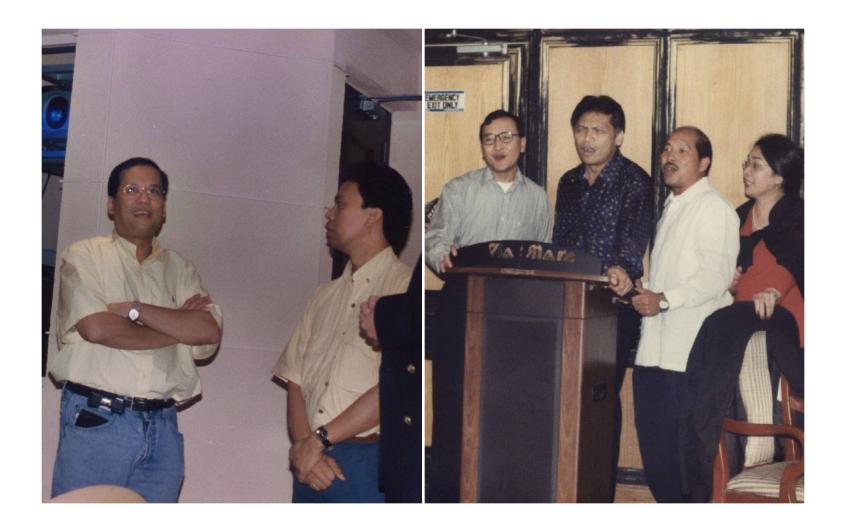
CALD has influenced the political debate in Asia by forwarding liberal perspectives on many pressing issues and concerns in the region. Through its annual conferences, CALD has been able to provide a venue where trends and challenges affecting democracy, human rights, rule of law and the market economy can be discussed, debated and analyzed.











































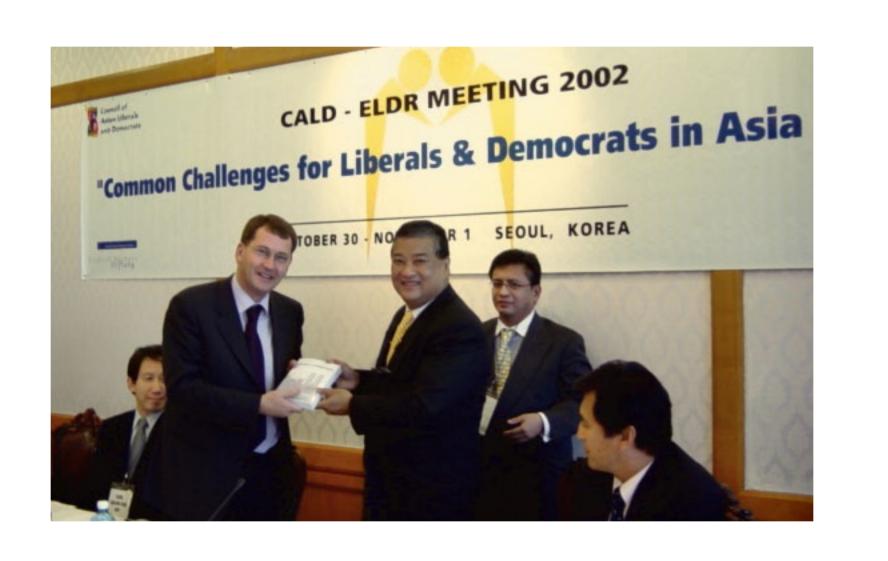




FORMATION OF STRONGER TIES BETWEEN LIBERALS FROM ÁSIA AND FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

As the foremost regional network of liberal and democratic political parties in Asia, CALD deems it important to establish and strengthen relations with liberal and democratic organizations all over the world. It co-hosted the events in Asia of Liberal International (LI), the global network of liberal political parties and organizations. Since 2002, CALD has also held biennial events with European liberals, initially through European Liberal Democratic Reform (ELDR) Party and then later through the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). As a result of these ties with Liberal International (LI) and European liberals, CALD was able to spread its reach to regional liberal networks in other parts of the world such as the Red Liberal de America Latina (RELIAL), Africa Liberal Network (ALN) and Network of Arab Liberals (NAL).













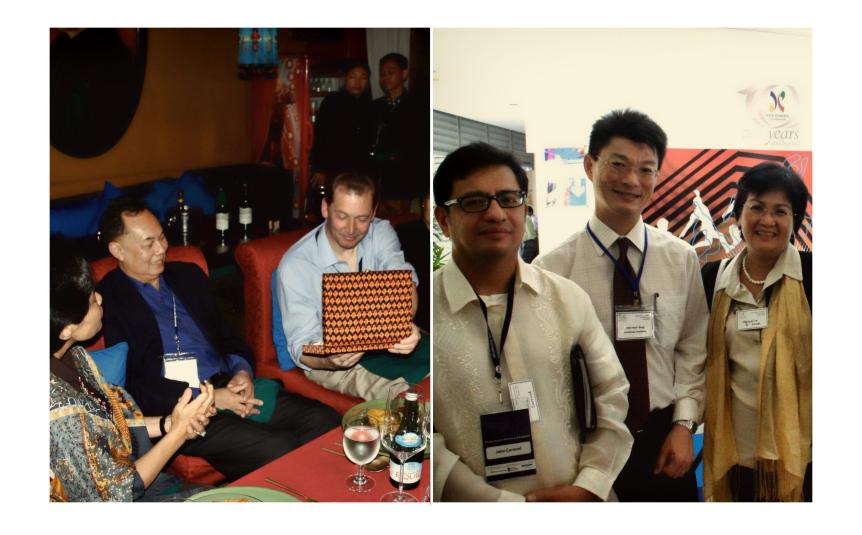














































GREATER POLITICAL SPACE FOR DEMOCRACY FIGHTERS AND ACTIVISTS

Throughout its history, CALD has always shown solidarity with democracy fighters and activists, particularly those persecuted harshly by totalitarian/authoritarian regimes. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Sam Rainsy, and Chee Soon Juan are just some of the prominent Asian political leaders whose persecution created an uproar amongst CALD members. Then and now, CALD remains ready to fight for human rights, democracy and the rule of law at whatever cost.





























STRONGER, MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED AND MORE ACCOUNTABLE POLITICAL PARTIES

As a network of political parties, CALD has always believed in the important role played by political parties in a democracy. For this reason, CALD has consistently strived to make political parties stronger, more institutionalized and more accountable by holding regular workshops on party management and political communication. It has also encouraged the formation and strengthening of women and youth wings in CALD member-parties through the creation of the CALD Women's Caucus and the CALD Youth.













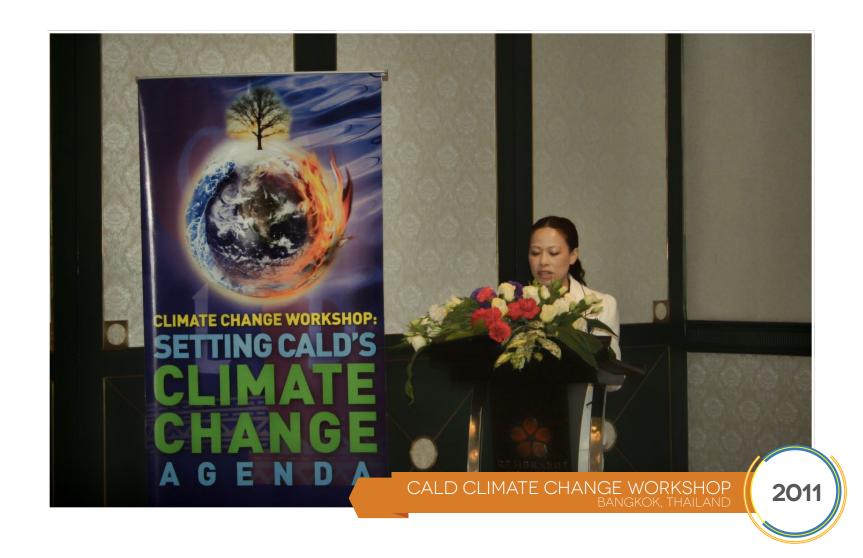






















INCREASED CHANCES FOR LIBERAL POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICIANS TO ENTER GOVERNMENT THROUGH FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

There are many factors which impact on electoral success, and it is difficult to make claims on how CALD influences the electoral fortunes of its member-parties. While this is the case, it has to be said that CALD recognizes from the very beginning that its strength as a network rests on how strong its component parties are. For this reason, CALD, through its conferences, workshops and election missions, tries to expose its member-parties to best practices in fund-raising, campaigning, voter's education, among other practical issues. In doing so, CALD hopes to increase the chances of its member parties to win elections and enter government.





















