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H.E. Joko “Jokowi” Widodo

President, Republic of Indonesia

Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDIP)

Dear President Jokowi:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), I would like to congratulate you on your victory in the recent election as exit polls and quick count surveys show that you are leading in the presidential race with 54.5 percent of the votes. A delegation from CALD was in Indonesia from 14-18 April 2019 to observe your elections, and we could not be prouder of your achievements in consolidating democracy in your country.

As votes continue to be counted to cement your victory, we believe that your successful election is the result of the hardwork and dedication you showed during your first term. For this, the Indonesian people have chosen you to serve them again with a fresh mandate to strengthen human development, further boost the infrastructure programs you have started, and sustain the structural reforms of the economy.

We trust that you will continue with the basic reforms that would benefit and empower the Indonesian people in the next five years. Your victory is a celebration of democracy as exemplified by approximately 150 million Indonesians, 80% of the registered voters, exercising their right to choose their leaders.

We are confident that under your leadership, Indonesia as a model of democracy, will continue to inspire and encourage its neighboring countries to strengthen regional cooperation and to stand firm against authoritarianism, illiberalism, populism and extremism.

As cooperating leaders in the Asian region, we pledge to work with you to promote an inclusive, peaceful, tolerant and multi-cultural community aimed at upholding the democratic principles of the rule of law and human rights.

We, your family in CALD, are here to support your leadership and strengthen party-to-party programs through your party, the PDIP. Once again, congratulations and we wish you all the best. We hope to see you in future CALD activities.

Sincerely,

Hon. Bi-khim Hsiao, MP

Chairperson

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