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Asian Liberals
and Democrats**

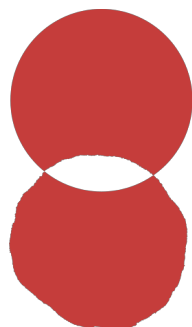


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**IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES,
IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES...**

**CHARLES DICKENS,
A TALE OF TWO CITIES**



The Democratic Party of Japan

民主党



Partido LIBERAL
PILIPINAS

"Noon at Ngayon, Liberal Marangal"







TAIWAN



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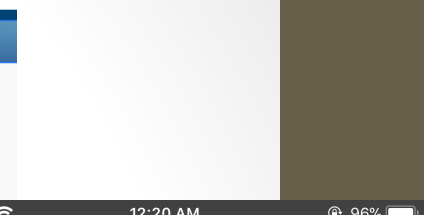
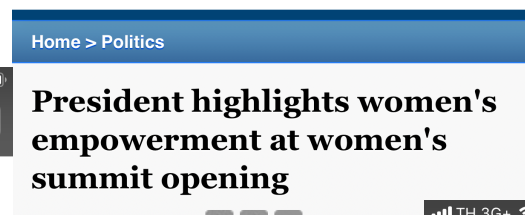
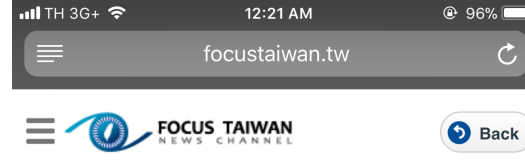
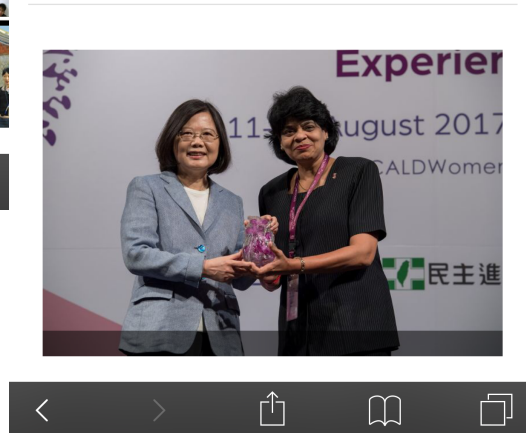
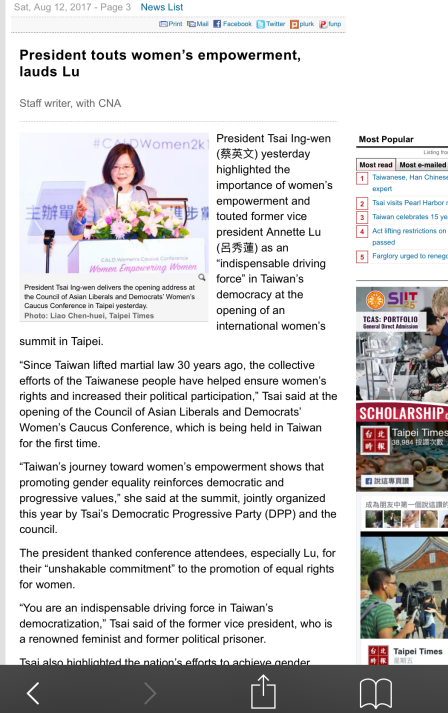
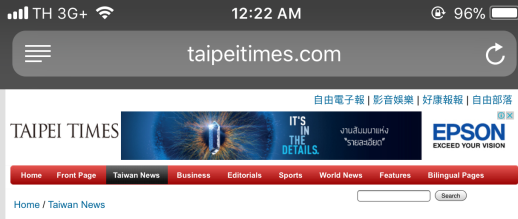
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Asian women leaders demand release of detained Philippine senator

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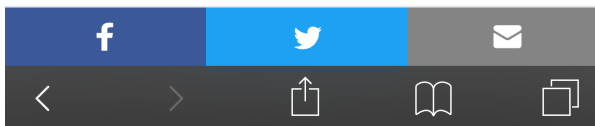
INTERAKSYON NEWS

Asian political parties keeping eye on Duterte's 'growing authoritarian rule,' says De Lima

By InterAksyon | September 1, 2017, 7:17 PM



Reuters file photo of President Rodrigo Duterte



Asian women leaders demand release of De Lima

By Patricia Ann V. Roxas

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August 31, 2017 at 2:46 pm



Senator Leila De Lima AFP FILE PHOTO

A group of Asian women leaders urged the Philippine government on Thursday to release Senator Leila de Lima and absolve her of the drug charges, which they branded

CALD Women's Caucus Delegation Visit to Philippine Senator Leila de Lima

30-31 August 2017

Manila, Philippines



CALD and the Liberal Manifesto
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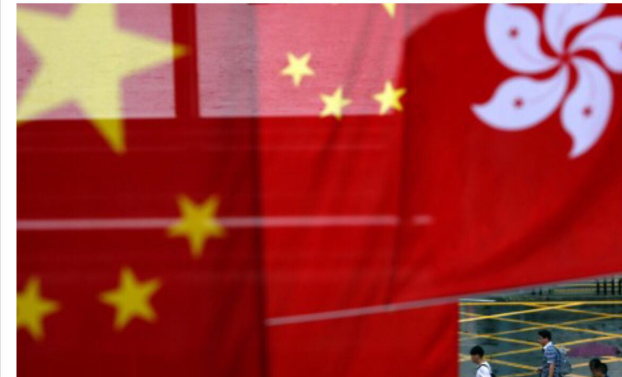
Fight for democracy in Asia alive and well

Singapore



Martin Lee

Martin Lee is the founding chairperson of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong and an individual member of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats.



INSIGHT & OPINION

Democracy in Hong Kong would only enhance China's global reputation

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Hong Kong political reform

THE DEBATE



Cambodian National flags flutter over an opposition party supporters of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) during the last day of campaigning ahead of communal elections, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Friday, June 2, 2017.

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What the international community can do to influence change in Cambodia.

By Sam Rainey
August 21, 2018

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Asian liberals, democrats must fight back

Principles of democracy, human rights, a well-managed market economy and the rule of law are the only paths to peace, justice and prosperity



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10:03 Gold prices unchanged at B18,900

08:00 Government Savings Bank boss questions BoT curbs

07:22 Thai export rivals benched by tariffs

06:23 New campaign in Prachuap Khiri Khan

05:45 Scotch tipped to break booze record at \$1m plus

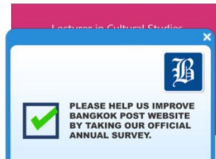
05:00 Siriraj symbolises Rama IX's spirit

04:00 King Rama IX's water legacy lives on

21:01 Wall Street stages 'relief rally'

Almost 25 years ago, when leading liberals and democrats around the region decided to establish the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), there was optimism about the prospects of democratisation in Asia.

People power in the Philippines and the events of May 1992 in Thailand led many to believe that these countries had seen the last of authoritarianism. Within a few years, liberal and democratic forces were gaining in countries like Indonesia and even in countries where one-party rule had been the norm. Globally too, the end of the Cold War seemed to have vindicated liberalism and democracy.



CHALLENGES

A spotlight shines down from the top center of the frame, creating a bright, circular pool of light on a dark, textured surface. The light is a warm, yellowish-white color, and the surrounding area is in deep shadow.

All politics is
local.

– *Thomas P. O'Neill*

“...hilariously
misnamed”

“...debasing
democracy”

“...money and dynastic
leadership”

“...not so keen on the
whole democracy
thing”

“...turning a blind eye
on genocide”



Regional party networks and the limits of democratic norm diffusion in Southeast Asia

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Abstract

Regional party networks are an important instrument for democracy promotion organizations intent on helping build democratic party structures. The main goals of these networks are usually capacity-building and the provision of communication channels, but the affiliation with international donors also turns these networks into contested forums for the diffusion of global norms and values. This article will illustrate that these norm diffusion processes are subject to significant constraints as transnational party networks are shaped by the pre-existing norms and electoral self-interests of their constituent members. The article uses a case study of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats to argue that the diffusion of Western democratic norms through regional party networks is a multidimensional process that can be successful in building small fraternities of committed norm recipients, but faces severe limitations when it comes to transmitting these norms further on into local party organizations.

Keywords

Political parties, institutionalization, Southeast Asia, norm diffusion, democracy

“While it is true that the CALD has established itself as a source of liberal democratic activism in Asia, its impact on the various member parties remains confined to individual party officials rather than the parties as organizations.”

Dirk Tomsa

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CONCLUSION



