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Ambassador Bi-khim Hsiao

Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO)
Washington, DC, United States of America

Dear Bi-Khim:

On behalf of your CALD family, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Taiwan's de facto ambassador to the United States. We are truly proud that a true liberal leader, who has effectively served and represented CALD over the years, is now Taiwan's first woman representative to the US.

Your appointment gives us great joy because we know that you can make a difference -- not only in Taiwan-US relations -- but also in US dealings with the Asian region. Under your leadership, we are confident that decisions will be made to forge more peaceful and inclusive regional and global cooperation. Moreover, through your diplomatic efforts and initiatives, we believe that Taiwan can gain better recognition as a beacon of democracy that continues to inspire the world in upholding rule of law and human rights during these difficult times.

The world is still reeling from the wide-ranging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and risks and uncertainties abound. We are comforted, however, that you will be assuming the ambassadorial post at a time when Taiwan is effectively containing the pandemic, and is moving forward to reach out and help the world do the same.

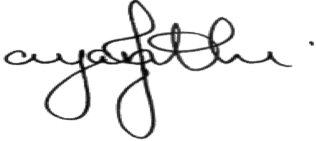
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for serving CALD wholeheartedly, and for always being a source of courage and hope when fellow liberals in Asia experience challenges in defending freedom and in pursuing democratic and progressive reforms in their respective countries.

You have always been a devoted ally and a kindred spirit, and the liberal and democratic values that we all hold dear will bind us together wherever we go. While we will certainly miss your constant and invaluable presence in CALD, we are consoled by the fact that our loss will definitely be the world's gain. Your new appointment, without a doubt, is an important platform to show the international community what Taiwan can offer - peace, friendship, opportunities, sustainable partnership and cooperation.

We are so proud of you , Bi-khim, and we are excited to witness how Taiwan-US relations can become better and stronger under your leadership. Please remember that your CALD family is always standing hand-in-hand with you, wherever you are.

Once again, please accept our warm congratulations! We wish you all the best in this new and exciting endeavour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jayanthi', with a small dot at the end.

Jayanthi Devi Balaguru
Chairperson
CALD Women's Caucus