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Chen Chi-mai

Mayor-elect, Kaohsiung
Taiwan

Dear Chen Chi-mai:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), I would like to congratulate you and the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for the landslide victory in the recently concluded Kaohsiung Mayoral By-election last 15 August 2020.

Indeed, it is uplifting to know that the legacy of good governance that the DPP started in Kaohsiung will carry on. We trust that, under your leadership, Kaohsiung will be back on the right track. Your victory would translate in progressive policies that could help transform the economy, increase employment, improve infrastructures and promote environmental measures.

The DPP is a founding member of CALD, which is the only alliance of liberal and democratic parties in Asia founded in 1993. Over the years of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation, the DPP has shown fellow liberals and democrats in the region the positive impact of upholding freedom and democracy.

The effective leadership of President Tsai Ing-wen is an inspiration to us particularly in how Taiwan is handling the current health crisis. We have always been inspired by the history and legacy of the DPP. We believe that Kaohsiung, with you at the helm, will set a good example for other local governments, not just in Taiwan, but also in the region, far beyond the next 2022 elections.

We would also like to congratulate the people of Kaohsiung. The success of the mayoral by-elections is a reflection of how vibrant democracy is in Taiwan and we are elated to know that the people went out to express their aspirations through this very essential democratic exercise.

Once again, please accept our warm congratulations! We hope, that in the future, you could participate and share your experience and expertise in one of our CALD activities. We wish you all the best in this challenging, yet exciting endeavour.

Sincerely,

Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan
Chairperson