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**H.E. Tsai Ing-wen**

President

Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dear President Tsai:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of Taiwan for the second term last 11 January 2020 presidential elections. It was indeed a historic moment for the people of Taiwan as they showed the world that democracy is alive and that the power of the people can unify a nation and set it to greater heights.

Your landslide victory, which was marked by the most number of votes garnered by a presidential candidate in the history of Taiwan, inspired us in CALD to continue to promote freedom and to uphold the rule of law and human rights amidst threats to democracy.

CALD is currently being chaired by the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). We have never been more proud of the DPP for laying down an empowering campaign that focused on what matters most - the Taiwanese people. CALD delegates from seven countries witnessed this people-centered campaign as we met with and learned from inspiring candidates, attended energy-filled DPP rallies, and waited in excitement for the results of the elections.

We believe that with your proven leadership, the Taiwanese government and the DPP will continue to work hard to achieve your campaign promises -- guided by the liberal and democratic principles that your administration also faithfully embraced in the past four years.

We, your liberal family in CALD, will continue to support your stand for clean energy, pension reform, LGBT rights, among other progressive policies. We will stand with you when the powers that be threaten to seize your country's freedom and the dignity of your people. We will continue to work with the DPP in strengthening political party development, promoting liberal and democratic principles, and in putting the people at the center of governance.

Once again, congratulations and we wish you all the best. We hope to see you again in future CALD activities.

Sincerely,

**Dato' Jayanthi Balaguru**

Chairperson, CALD Women's Caucus

Executive Committee Member, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats