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**Emily Lau**

Chairperson, International Affairs Committee  
Democratic Party of Hong Kong

Dear Emily:

On behalf of the Filipino people and the Liberal Party of the Philippines, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for extending support during this time of need.

The Philippines is still recovering from Super Typhoon Rolly (international name Goni), the world's most powerful tropical cyclone this year, when another typhoon, Typhoon Ulysses (international name Vamco) lashed the main Island of Luzon on 11-12 November. Typhoon Ulysses is the 21st tropical cyclone to hit the Philippines this year.

According to government reports 82,900 people remain displaced in the provinces affected by Typhoon Rolly with an estimate of over \$260 million damages to infrastructure. While Typhoon Ulysses result in over 350,000 displaced Filipinos as of 12 November.

This is truly an unprecedented time for the Philippines when we have to stay strong and united as a nation to work together and overcome these challenges. We are grateful that we are further strengthened by the solidarity and camaraderie of extraordinary individuals and kindred spirits who continue to extend extraordinary support when needed.

Once again, thank you for being a source of inspiration . We commend your commitment to democratic principles, which continues to strengthen international cooperation. We wish you all the best!

Sincerely,

**Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan**

CALD Chairperson  
Senator, Republic of the Philippines