



# Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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**Jayanthi Devi Balaguru**

Chairperson

CALD Women's Caucus

Dear Jayanthi,

The Liberal Party (LP) of the Philippines expresses its profound gratitude to you and the CALD Executive Committee for your expression of sympathy during our time of loss. It gives us much comfort to know that you are thinking of us as we grieve the death of former Philippine President and LP Chair Emeritus, Benigno Simeon “Noynoy” Aquino III.

President Aquino's administration is best remembered and lauded for putting in place measures that promoted honest and effective governance, or “*Daang Matuwid*” (*Straight Path*), which ultimately led to restored confidence and trust in government, and unprecedented economic growth that lifted millions out of poverty. In the past week, we have been regaled with stories of how President Aquino stayed true to this course and demanded the same from those he worked with. These stories give us hope and inspiration as we strive to defend democracy and our people's freedoms. Like President Aquino, we trust the Filipino people to know what's right and to deliver when the right time comes.

Thank you once again for your sympathy and condolences. They have meant so much to us, Filipino Liberals, during this time of grief.

Sincerely yours,

**Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan**

President, Liberal Party of the Philippines

Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats