



# Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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**Hon. Jerry Treñas**  
Mayor of Iloilo City  
Philippines

Dear Mayor Jerry:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), I would like to thank you for graciously hosting the CALD delegation during its 14th General Assembly in Iloilo City last 11-14 November 2022 with the theme "Building a Democratic Coalition Against Disinformation."

It was indeed a memorable event for all our distinguished guests and partners who have shared their commitment to fight disinformation and uphold truth and justice beyond elections. We are happy to share that a declaration was adopted during the plenary to take appropriate action and reclaim our lost and damaged democratic spaces. Please find attached file for your reference.

The event would not be a success if not for the hospitality of the people of Iloilo particularly the students who have actively participated in the event. All of us felt the warm welcome of your city and the delegates conveyed their utmost gratitude, not just for the meaningful discussions, but also for the generosity and sincerity that Iloilo have genuinely showed us during our visit.

I would like to personally thank you for hosting the Gala Dinner on 12 November. Our delegates enjoyed the sumptuous banquet and the vibrant cultural presentation. When all seems difficult, you shared your message of hope and resources with fellow liberals and democrats who continue to face challenges, but nevertheless, forge forward regardless of circumstances. We appreciate your hospitality.

The success of the event is the success of Iloilo. We are happy to have organized our most prestigious gathering of the year in your beloved city. Definitely, our CALD members will keep coming back to explore more its beauty. Again, thank you and we hope to see you again in future CALD events.

Sincerely,

**Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan**  
CALD Chairperson  
Former Senator, Republic of the Philippines