



# Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

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**Dato' Seri Haji Anwar bin Ibrahim**

Prime Minister of Malaysia

Dear Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia. I would also like to commend Pakatan Harapan (PH) for winning the largest share of parliamentary seats during the elections last 19 November.

We in CALD hope that your government could signify a new beginning for the people of Malaysia, who have been languishing from the ill effects of the political turmoil and the pandemic in the past years.

Your victory lit the fire of hope not only for Malaysians but also for us, Asian Liberals and Democrats, who are struggling to fight the sweeping impacts of disinformation, political repression, racism and corruption. Your courage, persistence and unwavering commitment to the causes of democracy and freedom are an inspiration to us all. The fight for a more democratic society may take time, but in you, we see hope that we will triumph in the end.

We support your promise to fight corruption, to unify the society and address infighting, and to revitalize a struggling economy due to rising inflation. We are confident that your leadership will bring forth genuine reform in government, and inspire others to work together and realize a more equitable and progressive nation.

We hope that as you work for a more inclusive and pluralist Malaysia, you will also continue to inspire fellow Asian Liberals and Democrats who are still struggling to bring democratic change in their respective societies. We look forward to working with you and your party in realizing a genuinely people-centered ASEAN guided by the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Again, on behalf of your CALD family, our sincerest salutations. We hope we could come together in future CALD events and celebrate your historic win.

Sincerely,

**Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan**

CALD Chairperson

Former Senator, Republic of the Philippines