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**Hon. Bi-khim Hsiao**

Vice President-Elect of Taiwan

Taipei, Taiwan

Dearest Bi-khim,

We are absolutely happy and honored to have witnessed the amazing victory of the Taiwanese people. On behalf of your liberal family in CALD, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to you and the DPP.

We're grateful for the opportunity to be with the Taiwanese people and feel the energy and spirit of democracy during the CALD Election Mission.

This victory, which highlights the vibrancy and positive impact of democracy, goes beyond the borders of Taiwan.

We are completely amazed at how the Taiwanese people responded to the call to safeguard democracy through the ballot amidst external forces that continue to discredit the democratic principles we hold dear - freedom, human rights, and rule of law.

We are confident that through the leadership of President-elect Lai Ching-te, and with you by his side, to sustain and expand what President Tsai Ing-wen has started, Taiwan and the neighboring nations will be able to continue to promote peace and stability in the region.

We are truly proud of you, Bi-khim. We've seen how you've fought against the powers that be to defend the rights of the people and how you've skillfully integrated international cooperation and solidarity into the mantle of effective policies and public service.

Your victory will serve as an inspiration to CALD members particularly those who continue to struggle against authoritarianism. This is your moment to shine and we are confident that the path to democracy will always flourish and guide us in every decision.

We will always stand by you and the DPP and we're excited to see the remarkable next steps for Taiwan.

Once again, congratulations and we can't wait to see you in future CALD events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mardi Seng', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Mardi Seng**  
CALD Chairperson