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Hon. Kentaro Gemma, MP

Director General of the International Bureau
Constitutional Democratic Party
Tokyo, Japan

*Thru: **Hon. Shu Sakurai, MP***

*Deputy Director of the International Bureau
Constitutional Democratic Party*

Dear Hon. Kentaro Gemma:

On behalf of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), please allow us to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the International Bureau of the Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP) for meeting the CALD delegation last **9 September 2024** in **Tokyo, Japan**.

We deeply appreciate the hospitality and generosity you showed to our delegation amidst the hectic schedule of your internal party elections and of your preparations for Japan's general elections. We are pleased that we had the opportunity to know each other more, particularly in terms of common issues and advocacies we share and how we can work together to advance them.

In particular, we hope that we can further deepen our cooperation on the issue of democratizing the political space and preventing one-party dominance. Like Japan, several of our member-parties are also operating in such context – probably worse in countries like Cambodia and Singapore - and that this absence of competitive party system is inimical to the workings of democracy.

Moreover, we share your concerns on the worsening political situation in Myanmar and we are willing to provide any assistance we can to facilitate humanitarian aid or arrange a dialogue with key stakeholders, including the ASEAN.

On this and other issues relating to democracy, human rights and the rule of law, we have no doubt that CALD and CDP can achieve more together.

Again, thank you so much, and we look forward to the possibility of working more closely with the CDP as CALD full member in the future.

We wish CDP all the best in the upcoming general elections.

Long live the CDP and democracy in Asia!

Sincerely yours,

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CALD Chairperson

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CALD Secretary General