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Your Excellency, dear Bi-khim

On behalf of the Bureau of Liberal International, allow me to extend to you our warmest congratulations on on your *de-facto* appointment as Taiwan's ambassador to the United States of America.

Our global membership, as well as current and former bureau members, cherish many memories of the time you spent serving DPP on the Liberal International bureau when you were elected at the Sofia congress in 2005. This, together with your two decades of experience in international affairs - starting when you were appointed as the then youngest head of the DPP's international relations department - makes you an exceptional candidate to foster deeper and broader relations between Taiwan and the US.

Liberal International is proud to support the trailblazing leadership of President Tsai - first as leader of the DPP and then as the leader of your country. Our special relationship, through the legislators who have served on our bureau, our human rights committee, and addressed our congresses, is one I hold dear.

These are challenging times, madame ambassador. From the threats posed to democracy by autocratic governments to the dangers posed by the global health crisis. Such challenges require multilateral cooperation and it is in this regard I would like to assure you that Liberal International is working harder than ever with our parties, existing partners, and new similarly-minded organisations to offer leadership and provide coordinated responses.

The scale of your new responsibility is great but I wish to take this opportunity, dear Bi-khim, to assure you that in Liberal International you, your party and your country has a committed partner upon whom you can depend.

With all good wishes for every success in your new post.

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President of Liberal International