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We in the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), representing some 350 ruling, opposition and independent political parties from 52 countries in Asia, and my own family, my wife former Congresswoman Gina de Venecia and our son incumbent Congressman Christopher de Venecia, join the family of Premier Li Peng, Communist Party of China (CPC), and the Chinese people in mourning the passing of one of the remarkable leaders of China, Former Premier Li Peng.

He was a man of many achievements - Minister of Power Industry, Member of Central Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China, Prime Minister, and Chairman of the National People's Congress - and had greatly contributed in advancing economic modernization, political stability, and China's engagement with the international community.

His Excellency Li's visits to Manila in December 1990, as Premier, and in September 2002, as head of the National People's Congress (NPC), helped strengthen understanding, cooperation, and friendship between the Philippines and China.

We are pleased to note that his 2002 Philippine visit was on our invitation as Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, where we had far-ranging and in-depth exchange of views and reached consensus on Philippines-China relations and parliamentary cooperation, as well as on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

With our deepest condolences and prayers.

Very truly yours,

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