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Dear Professor Friedman, *Ed*

Thank you for your letter of September 18, along with the attached book review. I agree wholeheartedly with your statement that Asian values are not incompatible with liberal democracy. While each country of course has a unique history, with its own values and customs, there are fundamental rights that are common to all societies which are embodied in internationally recognized human rights documents.

I also appreciate your expression of support for Professor Ben Kiernan. We fully agree as to the lack of merit of the criticism directed against Professor Kiernan and we continue to strongly support Yale University's program, which is proceeding very well. We welcomed a recent Washington Times editorial on October 2 expressing support for Professor Kiernan and the Yale Cambodia Genocide Project.

Thank you again for your kind words of support.

Sincerely yours,

Winston Lord
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East Asian and Pacific
Affairs