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Practitioners in Heilongjiang Province Appeal to International Organizations

(Clearwisdom.net) With the 2008 Olympic Games approaching, Falun Gong practitioners in Heilongjiang Province are appealing to international organizations to come to Heilongjiang Province to investigate the ongoing persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. In their letter of invitation, the petitioners listed the names of six Falun Gong practitioners who died as a result of persecution. As these individuals suffered extreme brutality, their families have managed to keep their bodies in storage to date, as evidence of the persecution.

We welcome the "Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong" to Heilongjiang Province

Practitioners in Heilongjiang Province extended their invitation to the international community through Clearwisdom.net once they learned about the "Global Human Rights Torch Relay." Their letter stated: "We sincerely welcome all individuals, organizations and the media, especially the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong, to come to Heilongjiang Province to investigate and collect evidence."



*Falun Gong practitioner
Zhang Zhong.*



*Zhang Zhong dying from torture
suffered in Daqing Prison*

Six bodies preserved as evidence of acts of violence under the persecution

Since July 1999, when the persecution of Falun Gong began under the Chinese Communist Party's orders, in Heilongjiang Province alone, six bodies of deceased Falun Gong practitioners who died as a result of gross abuse and torture under the persecution have been preserved as evidence of the injustice they suffered. They are Mr. Xu Jishan from Daqing (41 years old, whom the police suffocated with water torture on June 7, 2005); Mr. Na Zhenxian from Shuangcheng City (58 years old, farmer, died as a result of the persecution on September 16, 2005); Ms. Lu Lihua from Harbin City (43 years old, self-employed business woman; died due to persecution on October 2, 2005); Mr. Zhang Zhong from Daqing City (35 years old, died due to persecution on October 16, 2006); Mr. Zhou Shuhai from Yichun City (35 years old, used to work in Yichun City government policies research office, died on May 31, 2007 as a result of persecution).

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance International Art Exhibition Held in Cambridge

(Clearwisdom.net) The "Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance International Art Exhibition" held its opening ceremony in Cambridge, England, on August 14, 2007. The Mayor of Cambridge, Miss Jenny Bailey, gave an opening speech commending the virtues of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance and wishing the exhibition complete success.

Many members of the public, including Cambridge MP David Howarth, came to show support and take part in the opening ceremony. The 24-piece exhibition will run for two weeks at Wesley House, a college with ties to the University of Cambridge.

James Stirney, Wesley House Bursar stated, "We are pleased to welcome the Truthfulness, Compassion, Forbearance Art Exhibition here at Wesley House. The Exhibition shows what's really going on in China and this is an experience which should be shared. It is my sincere hope that this exhibit can open people's eyes in the city of Cambridge."

One of the organizers of the exhibition, Arezoo Miraftebi, closed the ceremony with the following words: "Everyone can practice Falun Gong. You don't have to be young or rich and it is free of charge. Falun Gong practitioners are required to be good people, to think of others first and to follow the universal principals of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance."



Speech by Cambridge Mayor Jenny Bailey



Cambridge resident views the exhibition

Falun Dafa Saved My Life

Brandon Park is a computer network administrator in Fairfax, Virginia. He suddenly became severely ill in February 1999 and, as a result, had to give up his job. He was diagnosed with three "incurable" diseases -- gastroparesis [paralysis of the stomach], globus sensation [feeling as if a lump in the throat], and aerophagia [excessive swallowing of air]. He had numerous agonizing symptoms, including severe acid reflux, regurgitation, nausea, major indigestion, weight loss, depression, insomnia, severe acne, chronic belching, throat discomfort, and tremendous chest discomfort. These caused constant, terrible irritation and pain for one year until he was led to Falun Dafa. Through studying Dafa, he gradually changed his way of thinking, and his symptoms virtually disappeared two months after he started reading *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Dafa. Encouraged, he started to practice the exercises and became a practitioner of Falun Dafa.

The Human Rights Torch Arrives in Berlin

(Clearwisdom.net) The Central News Agency reported on August 15, 2007, that the "Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong" (CIPFG) and Falun Gong practitioners in Germany held Human Rights Torch Relay activities this weekend in Berlin, the capital of Germany. They called on people from all walks of life to focus attention on the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) atrocities of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit and the persecution of Falun Gong in general. The Human Rights Torch Relay will conduct a global relay during the coming year, covering over 100 cities around the world, including Hong Kong and Taipei.

Former East German sprinter Ines Geipel, who will jog through downtown Berlin while carrying the torch on August 18, said that the Global Human Rights Torch Relay is actually meant to help the Chinese people, as it aims to help improve China's human rights situation before the Olympics. She called on German Chancellor Merkel, who personally experienced the East German dictatorship, to raise the human rights issue directly with CCP leaders when she visits China at the end of this month.



On the evening of August 9, 2007, the "Human Rights Torch" was lit in Greece. The Global Human Rights Torch Relay will travel to capitals of European countries including the Czech Republic, Romania, France, Lithuania, Belgium and the UK, and then continue to North America.