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Washington D.C.: Falun Gong Practitioners March to End Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) On July 18, 2008, Falun Gong practitioners held a march against the persecution. The march started from the Washington Monument at 2:00 p.m., proceeded along Constitution Ave., 14th St. and ended at Farragut Square.

Two thousand Falun Gong practitioners from all over the world took part in the march. The Divine Land Marching Band led the parade with the song, "Falun Dafa Is Good." Following the band, practitioners demonstrated the exercises, followed by large models of the book *Zhuan Falun* (the principal text of Falun Gong) in different languages. Next came practitioners carrying many banners and posters exposing the brutality of the persecution taking place in China, including torture and organ harvesting.



The next section displayed a large model of the book, *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*. This book reveals the evil nature of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and has helped 40 million Chinese quit the party. Following this section was a waist drum team.



The march displayed Dafa practitioners' nine years of peaceful resistance to the persecution. Many local people and tourists watched the parade. One woman said, "It was great. The music was awesome." Many people were touched by the parade and accepted the truth-clarifying literature.

Li Xixing from Korea attended the parade. He said, "I came here to join the parade calling for an end to the persecution. I am a doctor. I have told my colleagues about the CCP's organ harvesting from imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners. They were shocked. They support my trip to the U.S. for these activities. They admire Falun Gong practitioners. The persecution against Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is not only the persecution of Falun Gong, but also the persecution against a standard of morality. It damages universal human values. It is against humanity." Li has been practicing Falun Gong for seven years and feels that he has benefited a lot from it.

Chang Qingxi, Chair of the Falun Dafa Association in Taiwan, said, "Falun Gong practitioners have freedom of belief in Taiwan. The Taiwanese government also helps them promote Falun Gong. Students can get credits for learning the Falun Gong exercises. There are more than one thousand exercise sites in Taiwan. You can see people practicing it in every park."

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.

Falun Dafa Saves the Life of a Terminally-ill Woman

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Zhan Suxiang, in her fifties, suffered from uremia. She had been to hospitals in Chengde and Beijing to seek treatment and had spent a huge amount of money over the past three years, but to no avail. When her family recognized that there was no hope for her recovery, they began to prepare for her funeral.

Ms. Zhan's cousin, Ling Fang, is a Falun Dafa practitioner. Ling heard the news and visited Ms. Zhan on her deathbed. She asked her to say sincerely, "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance are good." Immediately, Zhan said the phrases three times with surprising strength. The whole crowd in the room was shocked to hear a dying person gather so much strength to say these phrases. Ling then asked Ms. Zhan to read *Zhuan Falun*, the principal text of Falun Gong. Ms. Zhan said that she couldn't see well enough, but Ling told her, "You'll be able to read it if you want to." People helped her to sit up. She asked for some water to wash her eyes then opened the book and stared at Teacher's picture. Her eyes were moistened with tears. She said, "Yes. It is Teacher."

It was 7:00 a.m. when she first sat up and began reading. There were people with her the whole time, all the way through until 6:00 a.m. the next morning when Ms. Zhan finished reading all of *Zhuan Falun*. She then was able to dress herself and wash her face. She asked Ling to teach her the exercises. Her family and friends could not help but marvel at what had happened in front of their eyes. They also asked to learn Falun Gong.

Kyodo News: China Asks Japan for Information on Falun Gong Ahead of Olympics (excerpts)

(Clearwisdom.net) Beijing, July 17 Kyodo - Chinese Public Security authorities have asked Japan to provide information on Japan-based members of the Falun Gong, a spiritual group banned in China, ahead of the Beijing Olympics, sources close to Japan-China negotiations said. According to sources, the Japanese government has rejected the request, which included a list of the group's members, citing protection of information on individuals.

Chinese authorities see potential demonstrations by the Falun Gong as a major security threat during the Summer Games, along with possible separatist activities by Uighur nationalists from Xinjiang, a predominantly Muslim area of northwest China.

The Falun Gong, which criticizes China through peaceful demonstrations, is not an illegal organization in Japan. Chinese authorities believe that Falun Gong members are the biggest threat among Japanese tourists, who will be able to visit China without visas during the Olympics.

Chinese Visitor to a Falun Gong Activity in Sweden: "This Is a Real Eye-Opening Experience for Me"



People in Sweden sign petition condemning the persecution of Falun Gong.

(Clearwisdom.net) At a tourist site in Sweden, a tour guide from China shouted, "This is the newspaper against the CCP. I don't want to read it!" when a Falun Gong practitioner offered him a copy of *The Epoch Times*. A Chinese man near the tour guide took the newspaper and said loudly, "I'll read it. What am I afraid of? The CCP has done so many bad deeds! I like reading newspapers that are not communist. We can read these things here, outside China." Quickly the entire Chinese tour group took copies of the newspaper. The tour guide finally said, "That's true, it is not easy for people to come abroad. I'll read it as well."

A young man from Germany watched the activity with delight and took many photos. He said, "I am from Germany. I read every issue of *The Epoch Times*. I know that many people like reading your newspaper. I have already read this issue!"

A young Chinese man read the informational boards carefully and kept taking pictures. Only two months ago, he left China to work in Austria. He said, "This is a real eye-opening experience for me. The newspapers I read here are just the opposite from what I read in China. I feel it is difficult to adapt to it, but from now on, I will think everything over."