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Mr. Qian Shiguang Dies after Years of Torture

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Qian Shiguang, 65, a graduate from Qinghuan University, was a retired senior engineer employed by the Northwest Geology Research Institute. Because he practiced Falun Gong, Mr. Qian was brutally persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party. He died on September 8, 2008. The details have yet to be investigated.



After the persecution of Falun Gong began, Mr. Qian was detained in the Yaoshu Drug Rehabilitation Center. He held a protest hunger strike for more than a dozen days, and when he was dying the guards left him by the door of his house. It took all of Mr. Qian's strength to knock on his door. He was emaciated and couldn't eat or drink. His family thought he might die. However, by practicing Falun Gong again, he recovered in several days.

In May 2000, Mr. Qian was sentenced to one year of forced labor and imprisoned in the Pingantai Forced Labor Camp, also called the Gansu Province First Labor Camp. He held a hunger strike to protest his imprisonment, and lost 40-50 pounds. His family picked him up in December 2001.

On June 2, 2002, Mr. Qian was arrested in Beijing when he went to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. He was sentenced to two years of forced labor and imprisoned in the Tuanhe Forced Labor Camp in Beijing. The inmates there tortured him inhumanly and beat him until his lower back was fractured. When he could no longer move due to the torture, the camp administration called his family to bail him out on medical parole, and he returned home on November 8, 2003. He was bedridden and paralyzed. He partially recovered, but was unable to straighten his spine.

In May 2005, when he still could not stand up straight to walk, the police arrested Mr. Qian outside his door and ransacked his home. At around 7:00 p.m., the police tortured him by putting him on the "tiger bench" and tried to force him to reveal the names of other Falun Gong practitioners who had contacted him. The officers brutally beat Mr. Qian and kept torturing him on the tiger bench. They took him to the Gongjiawan Brainwashing Center at 9:00 p.m. Qian's family was looking all over for him, but the guards didn't notify them of his whereabouts until later in the summer.

On October 1, 2005, his family sent clothes and food to Mr. Qian, but they never reached him. From September 2005 to January 2006 he was locked in solitary confinement without heat, and the guards withheld the winter clothes and shoes that his family sent. He was tortured by being handcuffed with his arms behind his back. The torture eventually led to a prolapsed rectum and incontinence.

In 2006, Qian was sentenced to two years of forced labor, which he served inside the brainwashing center. The Gongjiawan Brainwashing Center barred family visits from October 2006 until May 5, 2007. In September 2007, Mr. Qian was severely beaten twice, resulting in multiple injuries.

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.

Supporting 43 Million Renouncing the Chinese Communist Party

(Clearwisdom.net) On September 14, 2008, the Japanese Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) sponsored parades in Osaka and Kyoto to support the 43 million brave people who have withdrawn from the CCP and its affiliated organizations. The participants exposed the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong and other crimes, and called for the disintegration of the CCP and an end to the persecution.

The Divine Land Marching Band, composed of nearly a hundred Falun Gong practitioners, also participated in the parades. It was the band's first appearance in Osaka and Kyoto. The band's spirited performance attracted many passersby who stopped and watched.



Parade in downtown Osaka



Divine Land Marching Band marches past a famous tourist site in Kyoto

A Smoker of 30 Years Quit Smoking

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Tsai Shiyuan was an employee of a construction contracting company in Taiwan. He has practiced Falun Gong for six years. Before he started practicing, Mr. Tsai had smoked for 30 years and averaged one and a half packs of cigarettes a day. As a result, he had a dry mouth and coughed constantly. No medicine could improve these problems. Although Mr. Tsai knew cigarettes were the cause, he was unable to quit smoking.

Mr. Tsai said, "My lungs showed up black on the X-rays. Doctors told me that it was the cigarettes. I made up my mind to quit smoking over 100 times, but each time I soon surrendered to my addiction. I could stay away from cigarettes for at most seven days. It seemed that each time I tried to quit smoking, my addiction became stronger. Eventually I gave up on myself."

August 2002 was the turning point in Tsai Shiyuan's life. Because his company had taken a construction contract in Tainan, a city in southern Taiwan, he was sent to Tainan City. One day he saw a flyer with an introduction to Falun Gong in the company dormitory. He visited the website on the flyer and found a Falun Gong group practice site nearby. On August 1, he joined a nine-day class to learn Falun Gong, and he became a practitioner.

Mr. Tsai's Relentless Addiction to Cigarette Disappeared

Mr. Tsai said he will never forget how he quit smoking. "It happened shortly after the nine-day Falun Gong class. On August 15, a colleague offered me a cigarette. I was stunned. I thought, 'Why do I need a cigarette?' Then I remembered that I had not smoked for ten days. I had completely forgotten to smoke. It was as though I had never smoked at all." His addiction to cigarettes completely disappeared.

