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Members of New York State Assembly Speak Out Against the CCP's Persecution of Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) The New York State Assembly welcomed and recognized visiting Falun Gong practitioners with applause before their meeting on the morning of May 9, 2007. Assembly Member Michael Benjamin introduced Falun Gong practitioners and the upcoming May 13 Falun Dafa Day, reminding the Assembly of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of this group of people that follow Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance.



New York State Assembly Members Michael Fitzpatrick (first from left in second row) and Michael Benjamin (third from right in second row)

Assembly Member Michael Benjamin talked about Falun Gong's background and the persecution of Falun Gong in China during his three-minute speech. He said the advocacy of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance was very admirable and that it was very important to expose the violent persecution of Falun Gong by the Chinese regime. He believed every individual should have the inherent right to freedom of religion, association and speech, and this is why he continues to call for attention to the violation of human rights, especially the Chinese Communist Party's organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners.

Assembly Member Benjamin is from the Bronx, New York. He is concerned not only with the people in his district, but also those persecuted in China and the Sudan. Regarding the view that concern for human rights in China is interfering with China's internal affairs, Benjamin said the Chinese regime developed its economy to become part of the world, so it should be open to external criticism. They cannot allow attention to economic issues only, and ignore human rights.

Assembly Member Amy Paulin expressed enthusiastic support for Falun Gong's endeavor for human rights. She said human rights are universal and without national boundary, and are not just an internal affair. She said that the US is a country that upholds human rights and we stand up to support all whose human rights are violated by their own government.

Benjamin, who has a deep appreciation of traditional Chinese culture, called for the Chinese community in Chinatown to bravely expose the CCP's attempted manipulation of American officials and businessmen. He said it should be that the CCP worries about world opinion instead of innocent citizens worrying about the safety of their families in China.

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.

Twenty-One Confirmed Deaths of Practitioners Due to Torture

(Clearwisdom.net) In April 2007, an additional twenty-one deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in China due to torture were confirmed. Among them, sixteen practitioners died between January and March 2007 and five died in April 2007. Eight practitioners, 38 percent, were females, and thirteen, 67 percent, were over fifty years old.



Tailai Prison, Heilongjiang Province

To date, the Clearwisdom website has listed 3,030 confirmed deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in China due to abuse and torture since the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Jiang Zemin's followers began persecuting Falun Gong in July 1999. These numbers were confirmed through unofficial channels, as the CCP keeps tight control over all information about the persecution. The actual death count is estimated to be much higher. During the close to eight years of this unprecedented persecution, many practitioners have been arrested, illegally imprisoned, and many have disappeared. Last year, the CCP's harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners was exposed to the international community.

Practicing Falun Dafa Restored Me to Health from a Vegetative State

(Clearwisdom.net) Before I learned Falun Dafa in March 1999, I was practically a vegetable because of complications from a surgery. I was only conscious for about four or five hours a day. The rest of the time I could neither hear nor speak, and was totally paralyzed and bedridden.

When I first started practicing Falun Dafa, I thought it was merely a physical exercise. One day, about a month later, I was doing some cleaning at home during the time when I was able to move around, and without realizing it, I had worked from nine o'clock in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon. I sat down to drink some water, but I did not feel tired at all. I then realized that I had recovered. I could not find words to express my gratitude.

Other miracles mentioned in the book *Zhuan Falun* (the principle text of Falun Dafa) happened to me, also. I was able to sit in the full lotus position in meditation after two weeks, but my right foot hurt so much that I couldn't stand on it for a while afterward. I was determined to continue meditating in spite of the pain, and was ready for more pain the next day. Surprisingly, once I crossed my legs, I felt that something invisible was rotating at the painful spot and the pain disappeared. Later that night, I felt the same thing rotating on my hands, too, when I conjoined them as I was doing the meditation. Fellow practitioners told me it was the *falun* (law wheel). I thought this was wonderful and that there really were *falun*. After another 10 days or so, I felt like I was sitting in an eggshell when meditating, so beautiful and comfortable, just as the book says.

Latest UN Report Discusses CCP Atrocities of Organ Harvesting from Living Falun Gong Practitioners



United Nations Headquarters

(Clearwisdom.net) On May 9, 2007, a recently released UN report included the latest report by UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Manfred Nowak. He summarized particular cases in his report. In addition to cases related to Falun Gong, he also listed cases about human rights attorney Gao Zhisheng and the atrocity of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners. The following is the portion of his report discussing the CCP's organ harvesting crimes.

It is reported that organ harvesting has been inflicted on a large number of unwilling Falun Gong practitioners at a wide variety of locations, for the purpose of making available organs for transplant operations. Vital organs including hearts, kidneys, livers and corneas were systematically harvested from Falun Gong practitioners at Sujiatun Hospital, Shenyang, Liaoning Province, beginning in 2001.

The practitioners were given injections to induce heart failure, and therefore were killed in the course of the organ harvesting operations or immediately thereafter.

It is reported that employees from the following detention facilities have indicated that organs from Falun Gong detainees have been used for transplants: Mishan Detention Center in Heilongjiang Province, First Detention Center of Qinhuangdao City in Hebei.