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An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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United Nations to Review Human Rights Conditions in China

(**Clearwisdom.net**) On February 9, 2009, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights was to review the human rights situation in China, as part of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The UPR is a new and unique process that involves a review of the human rights records of all 192 UN member states once every four years. Nations with poor human rights records will receive the most attention from the media and the public. The review is an opportunity to expose the persecution of Falun Gong by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and help people and governments around the world more fully understand the brutality and scale of this persecution.



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The CCP launched a brutal and large-scale persecution against millions of Falun Gong practitioners ten years ago. The level of cruelty has been unprecedented, and attention from the international community is needed to help end this brutal, ongoing persecution. The Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group has submitted a strongly worded report to the United Nations on the persecution of Falun Gong by the Chinese government. The report has been published on the official website of the UPR (see address below).

<http://www.upr-info.org/Documents-for-the-review,459.html>

(Search Keyword: The Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group)

Information from Falun Gong practitioners and their sympathizers in China indicates that millions have been subjected to arbitrary detention; hundreds of thousands have been sent to labor camps; and thousands have been sent to psychiatric hospitals and injected with harmful drugs. Almost all who have been arrested were tortured, and most women who have been arrested have suffered violence, including sexual abuse. Thousands have been tortured to death, while large numbers of living Falun Gong practitioners have systematically had their vital organs harvested, leading to their death. Information from other sources, including inquiries and interventions by Special Rapporteurs of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), also point to a severe and extensive persecution. Given the information blackout by the PRC government, the real situation is believed to be much worse. The long duration of this persecution and the number of people affected makes the PRC government's persecution of Falun Gong among the most severe human rights violations in the world.

While the Falun Gong Human Rights Working Group submission focuses on China's human rights violations against Falun Gong practitioners, it is important to note that Tibetans, Uyghurs, Mongolians, Christians, dissidents, and other groups have suffered similar human rights violations.

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.

Divine Performing Arts Gets a Warm Welcome in Korea

(Clearwisdom.net) Between January 30 and February 8, 2009, the internationally acclaimed Divine Performing Arts (DPA) company began its Asian tour with 11 performances in Daegu and Seoul, Korea. Members of the Korean Parliament, politicians, and celebrities in the arts and performance industry sent their greetings and congratulations, declaring the show world-class. Many expressed their appreciation for DPA's efforts in reviving traditional Chinese culture.



A total of 14 Members of Parliament sent their congratulations and greetings to DPA. First row from left to right: Lee Yoon Sung (Deputy Speaker of Parliament), Xin He (Deputy Representative of the Democratic Party and Member of Parliament), Sang-Soo Ahn (South Korea National Assembly Member), Park Sun Young (Liberal Party Spokesman and Member of Parliament), Han Song Yo (Member of IPCNKR and South Korea National Assembly) (Congressional Human Rights Forum). Kim Young-Tae, Kim Yong Gu, Choi Kyu Sung.

My Sister's Belief in Falun Dafa Heals Her Liver Cirrhosis

My sister Yajun is 43 years old and lives in the countryside near Jixi City in Heilongjiang Province, China. In May 2007, at a staff medical check-up, the doctor diagnosed my sister with mid to late stage cirrhosis of the liver. This was a shock, and she called me. I immediately went to the hospital to discuss with the doctor what to do. Because our family is poor, we couldn't afford to have my sister stay in the hospital. The doctor said that staying at home and taking the medication would cost 500 yuan per month. My sister and I bought 200 yuan worth of medicine and went home. I only earn several hundred yuan per month, so I'm not able to help her. The only way I could help her was to tell her to recite "Falun Dafa is good," and "Truth-Compassion-Forbearance is good."

All of my illnesses had disappeared after I began practicing Falun Gong. Before, when I told my sister about these miraculous benefits of Falun Gong, she didn't believe me. Now she was ill and desperate. I told her that she would be saved only if she believed in Falun Dafa. My sister took my advice and sincerely repeated, "Falun Dafa is good. Truth-Compassion-Forbearance is good." Her health improved day by day. Her complexion is no longer waxy and she can perform any work now. Whoever believes that "Falun Dafa is good," will benefit.

New York: Practitioners Give Moving Performance in Flushing Chinese New Year Parade

On a sunny January 31, 2009, Falun Gong practitioners participated in the annual Chinese New Year parade in Flushing, New York. The Falun Gong procession included the Divine Land Marching Band, "celestial maiden" dancers, a dragon dance and waist drum teams. Tens of thousands of spectators stood along the parade route to watch the parade. Celestial maidens performed graceful dances while the dragon dancers also performed, and practitioners of different nationalities and ages greeted the parade spectators.

