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Human Rights Torch Relay Arrives in Sydney

(Clearwisdom.net) On October 27, 2007, the Human Rights Torch Relay arrived in Sydney, Australia. Politicians and representatives from the community and human rights groups attended a ceremony in front of the Sydney Town Hall to receive the torch. After the ceremony, a series of activities were held at First Fleet Park, attracting nearly 1,000 attendees. Initiated by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG), the torch relay is scheduled to visit more than 100 cities around the world to draw public attention to the human rights atrocities in China. The torch was lit in Athens on August 9, 2007, and over the past two months it has visited many cities in Europe, where it has received wide support from elected officials, human rights groups, and the general public.



City councilors Dominic Kanak (left) and John McInerney (right)



Many Sydney residents signed a petition to support the Human Rights Torch Relay and condemn the CCP's human rights atrocities

The human rights torch arrived in Sydney on the morning of October 27. At a ceremony and rally, the host began with an introduction to the torch relay project: "One of the most important goals of this project is to stop the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) atrocities of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. We hope that the torch and its message will be relayed to China."

Special guests at the ceremony included Senator Kerry Nettle, Australian Human Rights Commissioner Dr. Sev Ozdowski, Sydney City Councilors Dominic Kanak and John McInerney, former Olympic athlete Jan Becker, NSW representative Ian Cohen, former Chinese diplomat Chen Yonglin, and representatives from Vietnam, Burma, Tibet and Darfur human rights groups. At the plaza outside the Sydney Town Hall, many of the guests spoke out to express their support for the torch relay and to condemn the CCP for its atrocities. In addition, the host read many letters of support that the CIPFG has received from Australian officials and human rights groups.

Senator Kerry Nettle said that now is a good time to press the Chinese Communist regime to respect human rights and end its persecution of Falun Gong and other religious groups. She said that she welcomed the Human Rights Torch Relay and stressed that elected officials should jointly express their concern for human rights in China. The senator pointed out that China must learn to respect human rights and learn to cooperate with the international community.

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.

Ms. Zhang Lihong, Wife of a Hong Kong Citizen, Taken from a Forced Labor Camp to a Brainwashing Center

(Clearwisdom.net) Three years ago, Ms. Zhang Lihong was in Lufeng City, Guangdong Province, taking care of her two young children, her blind mother, and her 80-year-old father. Owing to her belief in Falun Gong and because she exposed the atrocities of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), Shanwei National Security Bureau agents arrested her twice, on May 19, 2004, and October 26, 2004. Following the first arrest, Ms. Zhang started a hunger strike to protest the unlawful detention. Due to local and overseas rescue efforts, the police released her after three days. Shanwei National Security Bureau agents did not follow any legal procedures during the second arrest and sent Ms. Zhang immediately to the Sanshui Women's Forced Labor Camp for a three-year sentence, in complete violation of the Chinese Constitution.



Zhang Lihong and her children, before she was arrested

After Ms. Zhang's three-year term had ended, her husband called officials at the Sanshui Women's Forced Labor Camp on September 28, 2007, and asked them about her release, but he received no definite answers as to her whereabouts. As it turned out, agents from the Shaoguan City 610 Office, in cooperation with National Security police, took Ms. Zhang out of the labor camp and detained her again, this time in the Guangdong Province Legal System School, which is actually a brainwashing center.

A Family Finds Falun Dafa and Their Illnesses Disappear

(Clearwisdom.net) This is a true story. In 2004, Xingcheng (alias), an old man from North Korea, came to China to visit his aunt and uncle, both Falun Dafa practitioners. They were in their seventies, but very healthy. Xingcheng was very envious. He is poor and had to stay busy collecting things to bring back to North Korea, so he didn't find time to learn the Falun Gong exercises, but he did remember one thing: "Falun Dafa is good!"

After returning home, he wondered how he could make a living in North Korea, a country without any social security. His workplace had stopped paying his pension and his health was very poor. He recalled his aunt and uncle practicing Falun Gong. But he didn't have a book on Dafa and didn't know how to do the exercises. Another big problem is that Communist North Korea has banned Falun Gong too, following the Chinese Communist Party. Anyone found practicing Falun Gong would be treated as a spy. The consequences would be unpredictable.

But Xingcheng really wanted to practice Falun Gong, so he wrote down, "Falun Dafa is good!" (in Chinese) and hung it on a wall. He vaguely remembered how to do the fifth exercise set (although his movements were not quite correct). Every day, he did the exercise and kept "Falun Dafa is good!" in his heart. Soon, his serious stomach problem disappeared. Every day he felt he had much more energy. He often walked one hundred li (50 kilometers) instead of riding. His neighbors thought it was a miracle.

Xingcheng's son suffered from serious enteritis, and sometimes he couldn't eat anything. To heal his illness, he took one month of vacation time to practice Falun Gong with his father. He continued practicing Falun Gong after his vacation. All his illnesses have now disappeared, and he is very happy. Xingcheng managed to return to China again and learned all five sets of exercises. It is said that many of his relatives want to learn Falun Gong too. The family's experience is a manifestation of the beauty of Falun Dafa.

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