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Argentina: Ms. Zhang Cuiying Honored as Human Rights Ambassador

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Zhang Cuiying, a Falun Gong practitioner and artist who specializes in traditional Chinese painting, was invited to Argentina to testify in court in the lawsuit against Luo Gan filed by Falun Gong practitioners. Luo Gan was the Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Central Political and Legislative Committee and was instrumental in carrying out the persecution of Falun Gong. Ms. Zhang was illegally detained for eight months by the Chinese Communist Party authorities for going to China from Australia to speak out against the persecution of Falun Gong. Because Luo Gan once personally interrogated Ms. Zhang during her detention, Argentinean practitioners invited her to appear in court to testify in the lawsuit against Luo.



Luo Gan (left) was the Secretary of the Political and Legislative Affairs Committee of the CCP Central Committee. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of the specialized agency to persecute Falun Gong – the "Leadership Team Office on the Issue of Falun Gong" of the Central Committee, also called the "610 Office". Throughout the persecution, Luo has planned, deployed and directed Jiang Zemin's policies and played a major role in the regime's persecution of Falun Gong.

During her visit to Argentina, Zhang Cuiying held a four-day art exhibition at the Central Hotel in Tucuman in Northern Argentina. The exhibit opened on November 13, 2007, and Ms. Zhang's art attracted much attention from local citizens. The mainstream media covered the art exhibition and the persecution that Ms. Zhang experienced in China for practicing Falun Gong.

The *Epoch Times* newspaper in Argentina sponsored the art exhibition entitled, "Power of Kindness" during Ms. Zhang's visit to the country. The exhibition gained the support of the Tucuman Provincial Government and Tucuman National University. The Tucuman Provincial Government proclaimed that the exhibition was a provincial cultural event, and the Tucuman Government issued Ms. Zhang a Certificate of Recognition for Provincial Culture at the opening ceremony for the exhibition.

The opening ceremony on November 13 attracted more than 200 guests. Dignitaries in attendance included Tucuman Art Museum curator Alberto Pecatey, the Tucuman Provincial Government Culture Minister Alfredo Guzman, and Bolivian consuls. The media showed great interest in Ms. Zhang's art. Local TV stations Channel 8 and Channel 10 broadcast the opening ceremony live and conducted interviews afterwards. They aired a 30-minute segment for a popular "Life" program. The next day, three more TV stations, newspapers and a radio station interviewed Ms. Zhang for their culture programs. The media assembled a detailed report on Ms. Zhang's experience of being illegally detained and tortured by the Chinese Communist Party authorities.

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.

Mr. Long Guande's Life at Risk in Prison Due to Police Abuse

(Clearwisdom.net) On the morning of September 23, 2007, Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Long Guande was on his way to his store. Police officers came up behind him, threw a black sack over his head, and arrested him. Mr. Long was violently beaten by the officers despite the presence of many onlookers. He sustained severe internal injuries, and he had blood in his urine and stool for a week. He also has chest pains, difficulty breathing, and continuous coughing. Mr. Long is illegally detained in the Third Detention Center in the Baiyun District of Guangzhou City. He refused to sign the arrest warrant.



Mr. Long Guande

The arrest was carried out through the coordinated efforts of the police departments of Guangdong Province and Dongcheng District, Shenjiang City. Mr. Long and his wife have been arrested and taken to brainwashing centers many times because they practice Falun Gong. They have been threatened and harassed frequently. For the last seven years, they have not been able to return to their home. Their apartment in Zhuhai City was searched and ransacked many times. Even their relatives and friends were interrogated, monitored, and threatened and their homes ransacked, or the water and electricity to their homes was cut off. The police were determined to not let them have any place to go or have any peace.

Mr. Long started practicing Falun Dafa in 1995. Before he practiced, he had many ailments. He had passed out due to bronchitis, and he had to carry emergency medicine with him all the time. For the over ten years since he became a practitioner, he has never been sick. Mr. Long has two children and the family of four lived very peacefully.

After the CCP launched its persecution of Falun Gong, the government of Zhuhai City posted a reward of 50,000 yuan for Mr. Long's arrest. In August 2001, Long Guande was arrested in Zhuhai City by police from the 610 Office and the National Security Team of Zhuhai City. During the arrest, officers struck Mr. Long on the head with their walkie talkies. He escaped the next day. His home was ransacked many times, and all his property and money were confiscated. The police never gave him any receipts for the items taken. The CCP office of Zhuhai City even informed the work units involved to suspend Mr. Long's contracts and froze the money for his projects.

Falun Gong Practitioners Invited to "Journey to the East" Cultural Festival in Philadelphia

(Clearwisdom.net) To promote traditional Chinese culture, the Asian Culture Center in Philadelphia held the first "Journey to the East" Cultural Festival in Philadelphia's Chinatown on November 18, 2007. Falun Gong practitioners were invited to perform at the festival.

Young practitioners from the Minghui School in Delaware performed the traditional lotus dance. Many Chinese people were drawn to their performance. Mr. Li, a Chinese musician, had high praise for the young practitioners. Later, the youths performed two more dances that highlighted the principle of "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance" that practitioners follow, and celebrated the spread of Falun Dafa throughout the world. One Westerner praised a song performed during the event, saying that it was as if the practitioner's voice came from heaven.

The Dragon and Lion Dance Team from NTDTV, the Renaissance Art Group, the Minghui School from New Jersey, and a Cambodian dance team also performed at the festival. Many local media, including ABC-TV, NBC-TV, and a local newspaper reported on the event.



Young practitioners dancing