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## New York State Assembly Member Expresses Support for Practitioners' Efforts to Rescue Their Parents in China

(Clearwisdom.net) On August 19, Falun Gong practitioners Shuangrong Zhang and Annie Li held a press conference in the New York State Assembly newsroom to call for the rescue of their aged parents, who are imprisoned by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) under the pretext of security for the Olympics. New York State Assembly member Tim Gordon and Director Devin Lander of the New York Legislation and Policy Office gave speeches to express their support.



*Shuangrong Zhang calls for rescuing her parents imprisoned by the CCP*



*Annie Li from Albany, New York calls for rescuing her mother detained by the CCP*

Annie Li from Albany, New York called for the rescue of her mother Qin Shizhen, a 67-year-old retired Associate Professor. She said her mother has been detained in the Gengjiawan Brainwashing Center in Lanzhou, Gansu Province since May 24, 2008 for practicing Falun Gong. The CCP made the arrest under the pretext of preparing for the Olympics. The Gengjiawan Brainwashing Center is also named the Lanzhou Law Training School and was opened in December 2001. It is a base in Gansu Province for persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. Many Falun Gong practitioners have been tortured to death or to disability there. Forty-eight-year-old Liu Zhifang was tortured to death after being detained there for one month.

Ms. Shuangrong Zhang from Flushing, New York, has not seen her parents for fifteen years. In the beginning of July, her father Zhang Xongwu, a 67-year-old retired physics professor, was taken away by police in Jinan, Shandong Province. His current situation is unknown. Her mother Liu Pinjie was taken away twice in July. Ms. Zhang urgently called for help from the international community.

New York State Assembly member Tim Gordon said he heard that family members of several U.S. citizens in New York were arrested in China. He said that China spends lots of money to showcase the "new 21<sup>st</sup> century China" to the world, but has done wrong by infringing upon human rights. He stressed that China should let Annie's mother make contact with her and come to America if the country is really interested in impressing people. Otherwise, nothing has changed, however many stadiums China has built.

At the press conference, Judy Chen from Flushing told of her experience of the CCP's violent attacks in Flushing over the past three months.

### 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.

## "The Organ Harvesting Is a Crime Against Humanity"



Prof. Maria Fiatarone

**(Clearwisdom.net)** During the World Transplantation Congress (WTC), Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) held a forum in Sydney, Australia. After the forum, Professor Maria Fiatarone Singh from the University of Sydney told reporters that she feels very sad about the Chinese Communist Party's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners.

Dr. Singh believes that the crime of organ harvesting will be exposed, just like the Nazis' crimes were exposed. She said the persecution of Falun Gong is very much like the Nazis' genocide of the Jews. It is so horrible that even people who work at human right organizations could not believe it. Because it is so terrible, many people pretend that it does not exist. She said it is sad that the Chinese government was authorized to hold the Olympics, just as Nazi Germany was in 1936, pretending that the Olympics will cover their crimes.

## Japan: Grand March Held to Support 40 Million Chinese Renouncing the Chinese Communist Party

**(Clearwisdom.net)** On August 17, 2008, a grand march was held in Tokyo to support 42 million Chinese people who have quit the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its affiliated organizations. The participants marched through the busy downtown district of Shinjuku and Okubo.

At 1:30 p.m. the march hosted by the Japan Service Center for Quitting the CCP started off in Tayoma Park and proceeded through central Tokyo. Falun Gong practitioners and people from all walks of life who support the movement of quitting the CCP participated in the parade.



## Falun Dafa Cured Me of Heart Disease

**(Clearwisdom.net)** I am 58 and recently started practicing Falun Dafa. In the past, whenever I exerted myself, I would experience atrial fibrillation, an irregular heart rate, insufficient blood flow to my heart, shock, and I would faint. The doctors diagnosed me as having sinus tachycardia. In July 2005, I was rushed to the main hospital in our city and admitted to the intensive care unit. An electrocardiograph showed a 0.7 inch embolus in the left ventricle of my heart. The doctor suggested that I have a heart bypass operation. Because I could not afford the surgery, I asked the doctors if there was a less invasive treatment

Shortly after, a friend who practiced Falun Gong came to visit me. When he heard of my diagnosis, he told me, "Just recite silently, 'Falun Dafa is good,' 'Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance is good.' Your disease will be gone soon. Remember to recite!" I followed his advice, and gradually, the heavy feeling in my body began to change to a feeling of lightness. My heart did not flutter anymore, and I no longer felt tightness in my chest. As I became healthier and healthier, I felt the joy and happiness of having a light body, free of illness.

I then started reading *Zhuan Falun* (the main text of Falun Gong) and *Essentials for Further Advancement*, and practicing the five sets of Falun Gong exercises. I started to live by Dafa's principles. A health examination in June 2008 showed a normal heart. I told the doctor that I had experienced a myocardial infarction a few years ago. He looked at my medical records from my ICU stay in July 2005, then ordered an electrocardiogram for me. The electrocardiograph showed that my heart was indeed perfectly normal. I told the great news to my family. They hurried to tell their friends and other relatives, "Falun Dafa is really good! Falun Dafa is so miraculous!" A large embolism in my heart has been removed without any operation.