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Mr. Xu Dawei Passes Away, Devastated after Eight Years in Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Xu Dawei, 35, was a practitioner from Yingermen Town, Qingyuan County, Fushun City, Liaoning Province. Before he was arrested eight years ago, Mr. Xu was a chef at a restaurant in Shenyang City, Liaoning Province. He was in good health. When he was released on February 3, 2009, his hair was gray, his body was covered with scars, he was emaciated, and he was mentally traumatized. He died two weeks later on February 16, leaving behind his wife and eight-year-old daughter.



Photo of Xu Dawei taken eight years ago, several months before he was arrested.



After eight years in prison, Xu Dawei was emaciated and mentally traumatized. He had many scars from electric shocks on his body.

After the persecution of Falun Gong began, Xu Dawei remained steadfast in his practice and was active in peacefully resisting the persecution. In January 2001, Mr. Xu was arrested for printing and distributing Falun Gong fliers and was sentenced to eight years in prison by the Heping District Court. He was imprisoned and tortured at the Shenyang City Dabeì Prison, and later at the Lingyuan No. 1 Prison, the Fushun No. 2 Prison, and the Shenyang City Dongling Prison. The full extent of Mr. Xu's experiences in the prisons is unknown. The following are several known facts.

In late January 2003, in the Shenyang City Dabeì Prison, Mr. Xu was beaten and locked in a small dark cell which was less than 43 square feet in size. On October 29, 2003 in the Lingyuan No. 1 Prison, Mr. Xu was taken to the "Strict Supervision Division." He was tortured there, at least twice. In the Eighth Ward of the Lingyuan No. 1 Prison, Mr. Xu was locked in small isolation cells, handcuffed and shackled, for several months, and was shocked with electric batons many times. As a result of the torture, Mr. Xu developed symptoms of pleurisy, with fluid filling half of his lungs.

On February 3, 2009, Xu Dawei was released after eight years. The family was shocked when they saw Mr. Xu. His hair was gray and he was emaciated, his eyes were dull, and he did not recognize his family. His chest and abdomen had many brown scars left from electric shocks. He had edema in his hands and feet. There were injuries on his right knee and ankle. The skin on his buttocks was becoming necrotic and was dark purple.

After he was taken home, Mr. Xu squatted against the wall and was too scared to move. His family kept telling him, "You are home now. Don't be afraid." As time passed, Mr. Xu finally felt safe enough to lie on the bed. In time, after being taken care of by his family, Mr. Xu was able to recover slightly and he regained some mental coherence. He told his family, "The jail gave me injections of psychotropic drugs. They beat me and kicked me."

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.

European Parliament Welcomes Divine Performing Arts

(Clearwisdom.net) On February 9, 2009, Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice-President of the European Parliament, held a welcome party for the Divine Performing Arts company (DPA), which was beginning the European leg of its 2009 World Tour, at the European Parliament Headquarters in Brussels.



Mr. McMillan-Scott's assistant reads the welcome letter

The assistant representing Mr. McMillan-Scott said in a welcoming statement that every aspect of the DPA was extraordinary and top-notch, that it was a "...historic poem that could be enjoyed by both Easterners and Westerners. Yet it is being suppressed by the Chinese Communist Party. It is through this world-class arts group that we can demonstrate to the people of the world that we co-operate with one heart against the persecution, that we all enjoy and praise the culture of others, and that we are closely connected through the common pursuit of performing arts."

The European Parliament Vice-President also said in his welcome letter, "Divine Performing Arts, which highlights China's 5,000-year-old traditional culture makes an enormous contribution to cultural exchange, enabling the rest of the world to get a better understanding of Chinese culture." He wished Divine Performing Arts great success on its 2009 World Tour.

MEP Mr. Barden, who attended the DPA show with his wife and son last year, said at the welcome party, "We spent a beautiful night there. That really was a miraculous performance." He recommended the upcoming performances to all of his fellow Parliament Members. He said, "Tell everybody: Go to see the performances. Enjoy it and support the principles behind it with your best effort."



San Francisco, California: Rally Held to Mark 50 Million Withdrawals from CCP

(Clearwisdom.net) On February 14, San Francisco residents from all circles rallied at Portsmouth Square in San Francisco's Chinatown to celebrate the 50 million Chinese people quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its affiliated organizations. Since the *Epoch Times* published the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* in November 2004, Quitting the CCP Service Centers have been established around the world. Many Falun Gong practitioners volunteer to support this effort and help distribute the *Nine Commentaries*, despite the CCP's attempts at sabotage and interference. To date, nearly 50 million Chinese people have denounced the CCP and its affiliated organizations, the Communist Youth League and the Young Pioneers.



Rally in San Francisco Chinatown