

Falun Dafa Outside China



Mr. Li Expounds Falun Dafa Overseas



In 1994, Mr. Li started his teaching in Sweden which is the first country he visited outside China. Since then, Li has traveled all over the world to lecture, on invitation, at Falun Dafa conferences. Throughout the course of these engagements, Li has continued his ways, refusing to accept any money or donations for his work. He has lectured in countries as diverse as Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United States. Any Falun Dafa activity is completely without charge and open to anyone interested. This is unprecedented and bespeaks of Li's selfless aspirations.



Meeting with the local practitioners,
Canada, 1998



Teaching in Sweden, 1994.

Mr. Li at Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conferences



In New York City, USA, 1998.



In Toronto, Canada, 1998.



In Sydney, 1999



In Frankfurt, Germany, 1998.



In Singapore, 1998

Zhuan Falun Has Been Translated into More Than 10 Languages

As recently as 1996, Zhuan Falun (Chinese version) was the best-selling book in the world's largest nation — China. It is the core text of Falun Dafa practice written by the founder Mr. Li Hongzhi. It has transformed millions of lives, giving people back their superior health and allowing them to practice genuine cultivation according to higher principles.

Since its publication in 1995, Zhuan Falun has been translated into more than a dozen languages, including English, French, Germany, Russian, Japanese, Korean, Italian, and others.



Worldwide Recognition of Mr. Li and his Teaching

Since Mr. Li made Falun Dafa public in May 1992, his teaching has attracted over 100 million people worldwide in just eight years. Falun Dafa is gaining worldwide understanding and appreciation, especially in Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. Listed below are some awards issued by the governments in USA and Canada in recognition of the extraordinary contribution made by Mr. Li and Falun Dafa. In 2000, more than 30 professors and high officials worldwide nominated Mr. Li for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Robert C. Lanier, Mayor of Houston, said in the proclamation of “Li Hong Zhi Day” in Houston on October 12, 1996: “Falun Dafa transcends cultural and racial boundaries. It resonates the universal truth to every corner of the earth and bridges the gap between east and west. Li Hong Zhi has worked tirelessly to convey Falun Dafa from China to the rest of the world. Along the way, he has touched the lives of countless people in many countries, earning an acclaimed international reputation.”



A Day of Worldwide Recognition for Falun Dafa



To celebrate the 8th anniversary of Falun Dafa, May 13, 2000, was proclaimed "World Falun Dafa Day". A total of 19 countries celebrated World Falun Dafa Day with a variety of parades, speeches, exercise demonstrations and instructions, as well as group practices.



Kobenhavn, Denmark



Paris, France



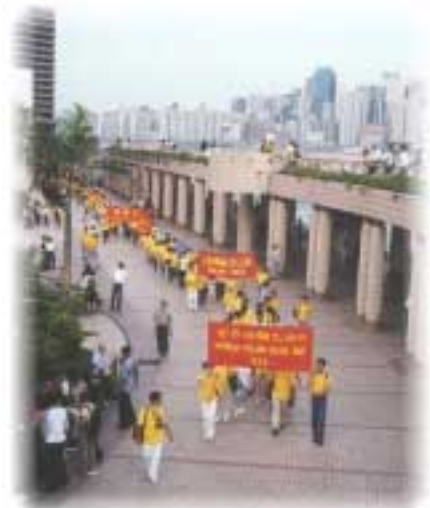
Glasgow, Scotland



Arrested and persecuted, practitioners in China celebrate the first World Falun Dafa Day by practicing movements in Tiananmen Square. Beijing, China



Sydney, Australia



Hong Kong, China

Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conferences Worldwide

“Dafa (The Great Law) is being spread far and wide. Those who hear about it are looking for it. Those who have obtained it are delighted with it. The number of cultivators is increasing daily and becoming innumerable.” - Mr. Li Hongzhi, December 8, 1995.



New York City Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference, Javits Center, New York, USA, March 1998.



Singapore Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference, the World Trade Center, Singapore, August, 1998.



Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, September, 1998.



Australia Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference, International Conference Center, Sydney, Australia, May, 1999.



Ceremony to celebrate the seventh anniversary of Falun Dafa, City Hall Plaza, Toronto, Canada, May, 1998.

Falun Dafa Spreads Abroad

Over 100 million people in 40 countries practice Falun Dafa. Falun Dafa helps practitioners to improve their health, to purify their mind, to uplift their spirit, and to deepen their understanding of life, humanity, and the universe.



Parliament Hill, Ottawa,
Canada, October, 1999



St. Louis, MO, USA, May, 2000.



Singapore, May, 2000



India, 2001



Seoul, Korea, 1999.

Falun Dafa Shared by More People Abroad

At the core of Falun Dafa are the principles of **Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance** (*Zhen, Shan, Ren*). Practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live by these principles at every moment, under every circumstance, always improving their moral nature. In turn, they receive remarkable health benefits. When the heart is pure, the mind balanced, and the body energized, health and happiness occur naturally. Individuals have been empowered to break bad habits; families to live in harmony together; and communities to embrace what is virtuous and life-affirming.



Paris, France, 1998.



Brussels, Belgium, 1999



Washington DC, USA, July, 1999

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Durham, North Carolina, USA, August, 1998.



Taipei, Taiwan, 1999.



Cape of Good Hope,
South Africa, August, 1999.



Riga, Latvia, February, 2000.



Gutersbach, Germany, 1999.

Children Practice Falun Dafa



Taiwan, Taipei, 1999



Sydney, Australia, May, 2000



New Zealand, May, 2000



Dallas, Texas, USA, 1999



Australia, 1999



4-year-old girl meditating, Florida, USA, June, 2000

Peaceful Appeal Worldwide

Since China's crackdown on Falun Dafa in July 1999, Falun Gong practitioners all over the world have appealed to governments, international organizations, and people of goodwill to extend their support and assistance to resolve the crisis on Falun Dafa in China in a peaceful way.

They always remember Mr. Li's teaching: "We are not against the government now, nor will we be in the future. Other people may treat us badly, but we do not treat others badly, nor do we treat people as enemies."

Their consistent peaceful efforts continue...



Reveal the Persecution to the World at Press Conferences



Erping Zhang, Falun Gong spokesman spoke at the US National Press Club, April 8, 2000.



Canada Falun Gong practitioners held a Press Conference to ask for the worldwide support to stop China's crackdown on Falun Gong, Ottawa, Canada, July 20, 2000.



Russian Falun Gong practitioners successfully held a Russian Falun Dafa Truth Story Press Conference, February 22, 2001.

Mr. S. A. Kovaliov, an influential parliamentarian of Duma in Russia and in the world, and the Chair of the Human Rights Commission of Duma, attended the press conference in person. He said: "... I doubt the legitimacy of the Chinese government's persecution of this spiritual movement very much. Such things are absolutely not allowed in Russia..."



"Falun Gong practitioners suing Jiang Zemin" Press Conference was held in Hong Kong on October 9, 2000.

Consistent Peaceful Efforts Worldwide



Jimmy Zhou tells his experience how he was tortured by the police in China at US Congress Hearing, Washington, DC, USA, September 7, 2000.



Some detained Falun Gong practitioners spoke at the US Congress hearing regarding the women's persecution, Washington, DC, US, May 9, 2000.



Practitioners in the Cherry Festival Parade in Washington DC on March 31, 2001.



The first public conference on "the Truth of Falun Gong and Freedom of Belief in China" was held at the Chinese Public Hall in Manhattan Chinatown of New York City, July 22, 2000,



A "Falun Gong Truth-clarifying Picture Display" was held in L.A. City Hall mall to tell the truth to the city officers, L.A. USA, December 25, 2000.

Nothing is Louder Than “Silence”



Practitioners from Australia practice silently outside the Asia-Pacific Economic Summit 2000 at the Crown Casino Hotel raising the concern to China's crackdown on Falun Dafa to the international community. Melbourne, Australia, September, 2000.



Practitioners from different cities of Canada gather and practice in front of the Parliament Hill, to urge the Canada government to speak out on China's persecution of Falun Dafa, Ottawa, Canada, October, 1999.



Practitioners from USA practice in front of the Chinese Embassy to appeal to the Chinese Government, Washington DC, USA, July, 1999.

Appeal at United Nation Millennium Summit September 6-8, 2000, New York City, USA



Practitioners from all over the world, demonstrate Falun Dafa movements in front of the statue of Liberty, Ellis Island.

As the leaders of 188 countries were attending the United Nations Millennium Summit on September 6-8, 2000, in New York City, Falun Dafa practitioners from USA and other regions around the world gathered in New York City. They hope more and more people from the governments of all nations, international human rights organizations, international institutions, and news media can together help to call on Chinese government to stop its inhuman persecution against Falun Dafa and to release all jailed Falun Dafa practitioners.



Press near the U.N to appeal to kind-hearted people to help resolve the crisis on Falun Dafa in China.



The pure hope



Peaceful march from Chinese Mission to United Nations to tell people the truth of Falun Dafa in China.



Memorial Ceremony held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza in front of the U.N. Building to remember the 50 practitioners who were tortured to death in China.



Appeal to President Jiang Zemin of China to stop the persecution of Falun Dafa, Waldorf Hotel, Manhattan.

Appeal at 56th and 57th United Nation Commission on Human Rights, March, 2000-2001, Geneva, Switzerland



Ms. Cuiying Zhan (left) from Australia and Ms. Chen Zhao spoke of their suffering when they were detained in China, March 19, 2001, Geneva.



Geneva, March 20, 2001.



In the Press Conference near the United Nations on March 19, 2001, Erping Zhang pointed out that the persecution of Falun Gong has been extended to the family and relatives of Falun Gong practitioners, other traditional religious groups, and various other groups in society. He asked for the international help to stop China's persecution on Falun Gong.



Over 1000 practitioners from 20 countries practice in front of the United Nation to appeal to the 57th United Nation Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, March 19, 2001.



Press conference in Geneva during the 56th United Nation Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, March 20, 2000.



Practitioners appeal to the United Nations in Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, March, 2000.

The World Speaks Out



White House

Bill Clinton, United States President: "... progress is still being held back by the government's response to those who test the limits of freedom. A troubling example, of course, is the detention by Chinese authorities, of adherents of the Falun Gong movement. Its targets are not political dissidents... But the principle still, surely, must be the same: freedom of conscience, and freedom of association." December 6, 1999.



European Union

Signed Appeal from Members of the European Parliament: "Falun Gong is a peaceful practice of gentle exercises and meditation for stress relief and overall mental, physical and spiritual health. Practitioners live by the moral standards of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. It is popular throughout Europe with classes in most European cities and literature translated into major European languages. We, Members of the European Parliament, urge President Jiang Zemin to:

- Stop his continued persecution of Falun Gong
- Release all imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners
- Withdraw the arrest warrant for Mr. Li Hongzhi (the founder of Falun Gong)
- Engage in a dialogue with Falun Gong practitioners to reach a peaceful solution to the crisis
- Respect basic human rights and fundamental freedoms
- Stop the harassment of Falun Gong practitioners in Europe and other parts of the world



The House of Lords of UK

Lord Moyne: "These people are not only harmless but also deeply respectable. ... They believe in enhancing their spirituality and exercising in large groups which have become rather conspicuous and the [Chinese] regime does not like people congregating except as organized by itself. ... The [Chinese] government ... is essentially still the same as that which devastated China during the Cultural Revolution."

Lord Avebury: "Falun Gong is an entirely peaceful belief system which encourages the highest standards of moral behavior among its adherents."



Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada

Adrienne Clarkson: "The men and women who follow the precepts of the Falun Dafa Buddhist rules strive to perfect their bodies and minds. They wish to live in symbiosis with the universe and experience inner peace. The exercises and meditation they practice are more than just techniques they are learning to master: they are the means that allow them to progress and develop as people. They cultivate the will to live in peace with themselves and in harmony with the universe, thus learning compassion for others and helping to create a more open and tolerant society." July, 2000.

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Freedom House

Mark Palmer, Vice-Chairman, and a former American Ambassador: "I want to say in all seriousness that I believe your movement, the Falun Gong, is the movement which will define our time, at the beginning of the 21st century. I think that when people look back, they will say: "Oh yes, there was Gandhi, there was the American Civil Rights movement, there was Solidarity, and then there was the Falun Gong. There was a movement that came out China that defined its era, and ultimately it was successful." The Falun Dafa Press Conference in Washington DC, July 20, 2000.



Congressional Human Rights Caucus

Congressman Tom Lantos: "... And as we have come to know the work of Falun Gong, our respect has grown, and we find this brutal and ruthless and bloody suppression of Falun Gong practitioners in China appalling, unacceptable, reprehensible, and we will want to do everything in our power to provide the maximum amount of information to the American people concerning the work you do and preposterous treatment you are subjected to in China... The Congressional Human Rights Caucus, over 200 members of Congress stand with you and are fully determined to protect your right to practice your faith in any way you choose." April 6, 2000.



Amnesty International

T. Kumar, Advocacy Director, Asia & Pacific, Amnesty International USA: "Amnesty International is concerned about the continuing human rights abuses committed against the members of Falun Gong by the Chinese government. We are calling on the Chinese government to stop mass arrests, arbitrary detentions, torture, unfair trials and other human rights violations resulting from its official campaign against Falun Gong."



U.S. Commission International Religious Freedom

Rabbi Davis Saperstein, Chair: "Falun Gong has almost become the symbol for the struggle for religious freedom. And when thousands and thousands of people have arrested... imprisoned...tortured, when people have died in prison, it's impossible for countries to say they are deeply committed to human rights and remain silent. And that's why we have urged the United States government to speak out."



Human Rights Watch

Ken Roth, Director: "Clearly a significant number of them there at least being thrown in prison often without trial. They're being put through the so called reeducation through labor process, in which the government can simply administratively detain somebody for up to three years without even giving them a criminal trial. It's clear that all the tools, all the weapons in the government's arsenal are being deployed to try to stop this seemingly innocuous popular collection of ordinary people who simply want to do their own thing, who don't ...have an area of their life that government doesn't control... I think it's clear that Falun Gong is not a classic political opposition organization..."

