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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Young Practitioners Perform at Women Cultivating Women Event

(Clearwisdom.net) On March 29, 2008, young Falun Dafa practitioners from the Minghui School Dance Team in Philadelphia were invited to perform at the Second Annual Women Cultivating Women Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was held in the Philadelphia Electrical Workers' Union Hall. Attending the ceremony were Philadelphia women who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of culture, art, and health.



Young Falun Dafa practitioners from Minghui School demonstrate the five sets of exercises

The dance team performed the Chinese "Lotus Dance" and demonstrated the five sets of Falun Gong exercises. Philadelphia practitioner Dr. Fang introduced the dances and each exercise. He said that the children in the Minghui school practice Falun Gong and follow Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance. He also discussed the wide spread of Falun Gong around the world, and talked about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

After listening to Dr. Fang's narration, many of the awards ceremony attendees came forward for more information. The director of Women Cultivating Women conveyed her appreciation to the guests. She said that she appreciated Dr. Fang's sharing, which reminded her that as we enjoy our freedom, we should think of those who do not enjoy the same freedom. She said that everyone should make an effort to help those who do not have freedom.



The Lotus Dance

After the awards ceremony, Ms. Angela McIver wrote to Dr. Fang by email to express her appreciation for the young practitioners' contribution to the awards event. She indicated that she felt sorrow for the persecution of Falun Gong in China and about the deteriorating human rights conditions in China. She said she prays for an end to the persecution as soon as possible.

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.

CCP Official Promotes Falun Gong in a Village in China

(Clearwisdom.net) There are over 20 practitioners in a village in Laixi City, Shandong Province. When the suppression of Falun Gong began, some of the practitioners in the village traveled to Beijing to appeal for justice for Falun Gong. Afterwards, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Public Security Bureau repeatedly pressured the village secretary to suppress practitioners in the village. At first, the secretary followed his orders and pressured practitioners to renounce Falun Gong and had them under surveillance. The practitioners repeatedly talked about Falun Gong to the secretary. Soon the secretary realized the Communist Party's deceitful nature. He quit the CCP and determined to side with the righteous. From then on, he often protected practitioners from the local police.

The secretary was very interested in what practitioners had to say. When practitioners told him the story of Han Xin, a famous Chinese general who endured the humiliation of crawling between a thug's legs, he admired them for learning from Han Xin's great heart of forbearance.

One day, a local ruffian made a request about the harvest. When the village secretary told him that it required discussion, the man attacked the secretary. The secretary had to have a gash stitched up. During the attack, the secretary did not fight back at all. He said that he remembered how Han Xin responded to the thug and about the heavenly law that all bad deeds are ultimately punished. Over 90 friends and relatives visited the secretary and swore revenge on his behalf. However, the secretary managed to have them give up on the idea of revenge.

When the attacker heard that the village secretary had dissuaded his friends and relatives from taking revenge on him, he went to the secretary to beg for forgiveness. The secretary told him about the principles of Falun Gong, Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance, and urged him to change himself to be a better person according to these principles.

Falun Gong Practitioner Mr. Guo Hanpo Dies as a Result of Abuse in Baoding Prison

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Guo Hanpo was a Falun Dafa practitioner in his fifties who lived in Cangzhou City, Hebei Province. He was persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party for his belief. Early in the morning of April 5, 2008, his family received a phone call from the Baoding City Prison saying that he had died. His family rushed to the prison. Details have yet to be investigated.

Mr. Guo was a well-known silver craftsman. He used to make jewelery in the Huabei Shopping Mall for many years, and had a great business. He was also well-known for being a dutiful son because he treated his elderly mother very well. In the early part of the summer of 2000, Mr. Guo opened the "Sincerity Jewelry Store" on Shuxi Street, and the store was crowded with customers every day.



Mr. Guo Hanpo

In March 2001, police from Cang County ransacked his store, and took products worth over three thousand yuan. Mr. Guo was placed on the Cangzhou City Police Wanted List. In order to avoid arrest, he was not able to go home or visit his mother. On July 22, 2001, when Guo Hanpo passed the City Birth Control Committee gate on his bike, officers who were following him suddenly grabbed him, pushed him into a vehicle, and took him into custody. Mr. Guo was detained at the Violence Prevention Division of the Police Department. He was tortured, deprived of sleep for many days, was handcuffed in painful positions, brutally beaten, and shocked with electric batons. The abuse caused damage to his left hand, and he was unable to bend or even move his hand for a long time afterwards.

After being detained at the Cangzhou City Detention Center for a whole year, the police had Guo Hanpo sentenced to eleven years in prison, without notifying his family. They secretly transferred him to the Baoding City First Prison. Mr. Guo was forced to labor in the ceramic factory of the prison. He had to do the most heavy labor – cracking rocks – but in a half starved state. He had to ask for money from home to buy food that was overpriced, while being mentally tortured by forced brainwashing. Mr. Guo became very ill and thin, so different from his normal, healthy condition.

The local police constantly harassed Mr. Guo's family during his imprisonment, causing his family to live in terror and under constant difficulties. His wife had to borrow any money to send to him in prison.