

# Clearwisdom Review

An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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## Washington, DC: Parade Calls for End to Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) On July 17, 2009, more than 2,500 Falun Gong practitioners from all over the world held a parade in Washington, DC, calling for an end to the persecution of Falun Gong.



*Falun Gong practitioners peacefully call for an end to the persecution in China*

## Los Angeles: Candlelight Vigil in Front of the Chinese Consulate

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioners in Los Angeles held a rally and candlelight vigil in front of the Chinese Consulate on the evening of July 20, 2009, to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Falun Gong's peaceful resistance to the oppression in China and to call for an end to the persecution. Ten years ago, former head of the Chinese Communist Party, Jiang Zemin announced his goal to eliminate Falun Gong within three months. He failed, but his efforts escalated to a nationwide brutal persecution.



*Candlelight vigil in front of the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles*

### 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.

## Seventy-year-old Ms. Li Mengshu Dies as a Result of Imprisonment in Sichuan Province

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Li Mengshu, 70, lived in Jiangcheng Town, Jianyang City, Sichuan Province. On March 15, 2007, she went to the Zhouchang area in Yangma Town to talk to people about Falun Gong and expose the persecution. She was reported and arrested by officers from the Yangma Town Police Station and the Jianyang City Domestic Security Division. Ms. Li was detained in the Jianyang City Detention Center. Her family went to request her release, but Domestic Security agents refused them. When the family demanded that they show legal documents, the agents would not issue any. Instead, they told Ms. Li's family, "Go ahead and sue us!"

Ms. Li's husband could not take the stress. He became ill and died on April 22, 2007. Ms. Li was not allowed to say goodbye to him. On June 8, 2007, she was sentenced to three and a half years in prison and was secretly sent to the Sixth Ward of the Chengdu City Women's Prison on July 26, 2007.

After the sentencing, Ms. Li's salary was withheld. The guards did not allow her to practice Falun Gong and they brutally tortured her until her life was in danger several times. The prison administration saw that Li Mengshu could not take care of herself, and in fear of being held responsible for her death, they ordered the Jianyang City Police Department to pick her up. However, the latter agency delayed doing so for three months. The prison had to take Ms. Li home in January 2009. She died at 4:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009.

## Truthfulness Compassion Forbearance Art Exhibition Makes an Impact at Rayburn House Office Building

(Clearwisdom.net) As part of a series of activities commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Falun Gong's peaceful protests against the persecution in China, practitioners in Washington D.C. held a Truthfulness Compassion Forbearance International Art Exhibition at the Rayburn House Office Building, the congressional office building for the U.S. House of Representatives. Many representatives' office assistants and government officials visited the art exhibition and were moved by the artwork and its profound meaning.



The exhibition includes 22 pieces of artwork created by artists who all practice Falun Gong, many of whom had personally experienced the persecution in China. Most of the paintings are based on real stories. Using traditional painting technique, the artists present themes including the joy of cultivation, the brutal persecution, a call for conscience, the principle that good is rewarded and evil is punished, and justice prevails.

The premiere of the international art exhibition was held at the Rayburn Building five years ago. Since then, the exhibition has visited more than 200 cities in more than 40 countries.



The director of an international religious organization said that he knew about the persecution of Falun Gong, but he was still shocked to see how cruel it was. He was moved by the painting depicting a mother and her child studying the teachings of Falun Gong together. He said that Falun Gong practitioners in China should have freedom of belief.

A representative's assistant said he was shocked by the brutal persecution depicted in the artwork. He said that it is a despicable crime of the Chinese Communist Party to persecute good people and harvest their organs for profit.