

# Falun Gong

## International Appeal For Dialogue With China

We are calling upon all citizens of the world to join us in asking the Chinese Government to respect the will of its people and begin a dialogue with us, working toward a peaceful resolution to the brutal crackdown against Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is the fastest growing spiritual practice in the world. It is based upon ancient Chinese culture, and it has helped over 100 million people worldwide improve their health, purify their minds and uplift their spirits. Falun Gong practitioners are guided by the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance and strive to become better people and responsible citizens. The practice is peaceful and apolitical with a major following in China and a growing number in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Since its introduction in 1992, Falun Gong has grown in popularity and has attracted more people than the members in the Chinese Communist Party. As of July 1999, the Chinese government, an atheist regime, has banned this spiritual practice and enacted new legislation to “smash” all traditional practices including Falun Gong.

Today in China, practitioners of all ages and professions are being fired from their jobs, taken from their homes, expelled from their schools, and demonized by a vicious state propaganda campaign. The government has punished them for their spiritual beliefs with mass detentions, beatings and torture. Some have even been tortured to death, while under custody, when attempts to “re-educate” them have failed. Many families are now living on the streets and under bridges because they cannot go home. Tens of thousands are being sent to labor camps, for up to three years without trial, while others have been forced to appear in show trials without legal representation or independent monitors.

Join us in sending a message to China and the world to stop the persecution of Falun Gong and respect the rights of people to practice their own religious and spiritual beliefs as accorded by the Chinese Constitution and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

By signing the APPEAL FOR DIALOGUE WITH CHINA, you are helping ensure the rights and freedom of tens of millions of Falun Gong practitioners in their appeal for justice in China.