

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you with my sincere heart for having supported in any way to help my fiancée out of danger and to help us be re-united in a free land.

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, my fiancée Li Ying arrived at the Sydney International Airport. This truly is the best Christmas gift for me this year which our Australian government, the media, and our kind Australian people enabled me to have.

Li Ying was a consultant in Shanghai China, and also a Falun Gong practitioner. In January 2001 Li Ying was abducted to a brainwashing class in Shanghai. During the class, she held a hunger strike to protest her illegal detention; however she was forced and suffered other inhuman tortures. Later, as her life was in great danger, her company bailed her out. On October 16, 2001, when she was on a business trip in Hangzhou City, Zhe Jiang Province, she was arrested and sentenced to a forced-labour camp for 2 years without any legal proceedings. The police ransacked her house, and even took away the key to her mailbox to prevent her family from accessing her mail, which included documents from the Australian Consulate in Shanghai in regards to her application for immigration to Australia.

During her imprisonment in the past two years, the Australian Government - Foreign Affairs Department, at my request, represented me to raise the concern for Li's case with the Chinese authorities, and for the violation of the human rights that China is committing. This helped Li's situation in the prison considerably compare to other Falun Gong practitioners in the cell, and as a result, today she is free. **This clearly demonstrates that public support, no matter where it comes from or how little it might seem, does help and work, and may create an effect you didn't think of.**

Li Ying is now able to be beside me and enjoy the freedom that every Australian does, but there are seven more family members of Australians still suffering in China, and many more Chinese Falun Gong practitioners facing life and death situations due to the threat of persecution and torture. We cannot ignore this ongoing persecution.

Falun Gong is simply a peaceful ancient Chinese meditation practice of body and mind with the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. The practice is non-religious, non-political and is freely practised by millions in over 60 different countries. In July 1999, China's former leader Jiang Zemin outlawed this peaceful practice, fearful of anything touching the hearts and minds of more citizens than the number of Communist Party members. China is the only country persecuting this practice.

Incarceration and torture are ordered to force victims to go against their conscience and renounce their beliefs. Jiang has promised government officials and police money and benefits if they ignore their own conscience to carry out his orders. He has made a mockery of the judicial system by forcing the courts to turn a blind eye to justice and by creating laws to suit his purposes. He has forced the media to compromise its professional integrity, using it at will to fabricate and circulate lies and propaganda to incite hatred against his victims. In doing so, he has turned the whole country into

unwitting hostages for his will, and accomplices to his crimes. The Jiang regime, acting out the systematic and vicious persecution against Chinese citizens on grounds of their belief in Truth, Compassion and Forbearance, is totally a mistake.

It is encouraging that the Motion No. 704 on the Falun Gong issue was passed by the Senate in Canberra on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003. This indicates Australia's commitment to supporting freedom of belief and the freedom to practise Falun Gong.

For those seven Australian families still living with the fear that this could happen to their relatives at any time, the Senate motion is a real hope that they will also be reunited.

We truly value the assistance of our government, DFAT and the Australian Consulate in Shanghai.

We ask you to please do your best to save the remaining relatives of Australians and even more practitioners in China in any way possible. We believe that the evilness of the persecution will soon be brought in front of the world's people, and it will soon be brought to justice, with no doubts.

Thanks again for your kind support.

Yours sincerely

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