



Grant Lu and Li Ying safely arrived at the Sydney airport from China on 29th November 2003 with the help of the Australian government.

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G'Day! Welcome Home

Motion No. 704 on the Falun Gong issue was passed by the Senate in Canberra on Monday, 1st December 2003.

It was noted in the motion that close relatives of Australian citizens are currently being detained by the People's Republic of China on the basis that they practise Falun Gong.

This indicates Australia's commitment to supporting freedom of belief and the freedom to practise Falun Gong.

Couple Finally United After Fiancée Went Through Two Years Hardship and Illegal Imprisonment in a Labour Camp in China for Practising Falun Gong.

"Thanks to the Australian Government and Kind Australian People.

Your support and help certainly can make a difference to innocent Falun Gong practitioners who are still suffering the inhuman torture in China no matter how little it might seem. "

What is Falun Dafa?

Falun Dafa, also known as **Falun Gong**, is a peaceful ancient Chinese meditation practice of body and mind with the principle 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 Communist Party. China is the only country persecuting the practice.

823 confirmed deaths as a result of police torture since the crackdown began in July 1999.

In December 2002, Mr Grant Lu, a Falun Gong practitioner in Sydney, cycled over 500 kilometres from Sydney to Canberra to obtain signatures for a petition to have his Christmas gift and letter delivered through the Australian government to his fiancée, Ms Li Ying, in Shanghai Qingsong labour camp.

Mr Lu and Ms Li were engaged in January 2001 and in September 2001 Mr Lu lodged an application for her to come to Australia. Unfortunately, in the middle of the visa application process by the Australian Consulate in Shanghai, Ms Li was illegally arrested and detained in this labour camp, simply because she handed out information about Falun Gong.

Li Ying was a consultant in Shanghai, China. When she was detained the first time in January 2001, she held a hunger strike to protest her illegal detention; however she was force-fed and suffered further inhuman tortures. On 16 October 2001, when she was on a business trip in Hangzhou City, Zhe Jiang Province, she was arrested and sentenced to the forced labour camp for two years without any valid reasons or legal proceedings.

During her imprisonment, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade represented Mr Lu in raising concern for his fiancée'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.