

Petals of Peace

*Many a lotus emerging
from depth of clouded waters
unfolding, rising
from seed to purest blossom*



Children of all ages are invited to fold a paper lotus flower as a gesture of peace and friendship to other children in the world, from all different cultures and backgrounds. The lotus flowers are symbolic of 'Petals of Peace' blossoming within our local community and throughout the world.

This global project is an opportunity to encourage a child's creativity while promoting a greater understanding of the values that inspire a compassionate heart. It is symbolic of extending the hand of friendship to other innocent children less fortunate like little Fadu (pictured above).

This little Australian-Chinese girl and her mother are overcoming their painful family tragedy by bravely sharing their heartfelt story in the hope that other innocent children will no longer have to suffer like Fadu.

In every way the children are the innocent ones! If we can all contribute to developing harmony and international understanding, the world's children will look forward to a brighter future. We hope this project will be a step in that direction!

***The lotus flower
symbolises beauty and
serenity. It grows out of
mud and darkness while still
maintaining its purity.***

***The lotus flower can
be shared with friends
and family.***

**“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek,
but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”**

- Martin Luther King Jr

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Little Fadu's Story

Inspiration Behind 'Petals of Peace'

In the three short years of little Fadu's life, she has traveled to more countries than most of us would hope to cover in our entire lifetime!

Fadu has accompanied her mother, Jane Dai, to over 30 countries around the world. Each journey has been for the same purpose – to tell the story of Fadu's father, Chengyong Chen, a gentle man who lost his life in China simply for embracing the values of 'Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance'. Together they continue to raise awareness of the injustice against the millions of Falun Gong practitioners in China, in the hope that they can help bring the suffering to an end.

Fadu's dad wrote a letter to the Appeals Office in Beijing explaining how the practice had benefited their family and that it is a misunderstanding to ban such a peaceful practice. Shortly after he wrote the letter, authorities came to Fadu's house and arrested her dad. She never saw him again. Concerned about Fadu's safety, Jane returned with Fadu back to Australia anxiously awaiting news of her husband.



Jane & 3-year-old Fadu

In July 2001, after months of wondering if her husband was safe, Jane discovered the heartbreaking news on an Internet news report. 3-year-old Fadu will never know her dad.

About the Sponsors

'Petals of Peace' is sponsored by Falun Dafa practitioners in Australia. It is a tangible way that children can examine their own values and ideals to promote a more peaceful world. Petals of Peace aims to encourage tolerance towards cultural diversity and to inspire compassion for the suffering of others.

What is Falun Dafa? (Falun Dafa also called Falun Gong) is a traditional Chinese exercise - meditation practice, which contributes to a healthy and positive life-style. Many Australians are familiar with traditional forms of exercise and self-improvement such as Yoga and Tai Chi, which have become increasingly popular in western society. Falun Gong is similar in that it

includes exercises for improving health and vitality, but it also emphasizes the importance of living to the qualities of 'Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance' in every day life. Falun Gong is practised by over 100 million people in 60 countries.

Why was 3-year-old Fadu's father persecuted? Falun Dafa was widely supported in China and received many awards for its benefits to peoples' health and wellbeing. However, today in its country of origin, it is sadly being persecuted. After seven years of unprecedented growth, and over 100 million enjoying the practice, Falun Gong was banned in China due to its immense popularity. Many thousands of children continue to be affected in China, just like little Fadu.

For more information on Falun Gong and the situation in China please visit www.falunau.org