

Mr. Robert Illingworth
Assistant Secretary for Onshore Protection, DIMIA

or

Mr. Jim Collaghan
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26 Lee Street, Sydney NSW 2000

RE: Seeking Political Asylum in Australia

Dear Sir,

I, a Consul for Political Affairs (First Secretary rank) of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney, together with my wife JIN Ping and my daughter CHEN Fangrong, now seek political asylum from the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

It is based on the following facts that I take the above-mentioned action:

1. I have ever helped a number of Falun Gong practitioners in my dealing with Falun Gong cases. For fear of being found by my successor Mme. GAO Li, who will be arriving on June 1, 2005, and the Chinese Government eventually, and being prosecuted by the Chinese Government if I return to China. I have been in charge of "Five Poisonous Groups" that are against the Chinese Government including "Falun Gong", pro-democracy movement activists, pro-Taiwan independence force, pro-Tibet separation force and Eastern Turkistan force since I arrive at the Chinese Consulate-General in Sydney in April 2001. The job is majorly focusing on implementing the Chinese Government policy of prosecuting the Falun Gong practitioners overseas, which is seriously against my consciousness and will. Falun Gong may be a cult, but its practitioners are a social vulnerable group and innocent people. They need help but no prosecution. In China, many Chinese local governments are used to put all Falun Gong practitioners into labour camps and jails and forced education courses, and have caused a good number of deaths for the practitioners are uncooperative. My spirit is severely distressed for my sin of working for the unjustified authority in somewhat evil way, and

my hair turns white quickly in the last 4 years for frequent nightmares. If I return to China, I may continue to be in charge of Falun Gong affairs for my experience in dealing with Falun Gong, and I would rather die than be forced to do so. I have a daughter to raise, and I have no choice but seeking asylum in Australia.

2. I have been working as a career diplomat for over 14 years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. As a First Secretary, I am able to access top confidential documents. Once I leave the Chinese Government, it will be inevitable for me to be punished seriously by the Government.
3. I and my wife can write and speak decent English and can contribute to the Australia society.
4. I, my wife and my daughter love Australia for its democracy and freedom and good environment. After 4-year life in Sydney, we have considered Australia as our second home.

I hereby hope the DIMIA of Australia will give serious consideration to my application for the change of the visa status of my whole family.

The Chinese Government shall certainly be searching for me and my family, and our lives are risky in the first 3 to 6 weeks. Therefore, I urgently need your quick processing of my application.

Your kind assistance for my application is much appreciated.

Yours frankly

CHEN Yonglin
Consul for Political Affairs
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