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Investigation on Chinese Embassy and Consulates in US Controlling CSSAs to Export CCP's Human Right Violation Policy

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New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV), with its headquarter in New York City (NYC), will host International Chinese Classical Dance Competition (NTDTV's Dance Competition, for short below) in New York University from July 6 to 8 in 2007. [1] Due to the independent and outspoken nature of NTDTV, as well as its long-term focus on human right issue in China, including the persecution of Falun Gong, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has spared no effort to suppress NTDTV's event again. On April 25, 2007, the China Net published a letter of Chinese Anti-Cult Association to Chinese Dancer Association, defaming NTDTV and its Dance Competition to the greatest extent. [2] On April 30, CCP's mouthpiece Xinhua Net published an article entitled "What sort of dance competition is NTDTV able to host?" However, the article was taken off immediately with only the title left. [3] On June 8, the Xinhua Net published another slanderous article again entitled "Story Behind NTDTV's Dance Competition". [4]

In the meantime, the Chinese Culture Club @ New York University (NYUCCC, which is also called NYU Chinese Student and Scholar Association in Chinese) actively cooperated with CCP regime. On the same day of Xinhua Net's June 8th article, it started a signature campaign to oppose NTDTV's Dance Competition on NYU campus. The petition letter was posted on NYUCCC's website in both Chinese [5] and English. [6] In this particular case, NYUCCC directly execute the persecution policy of CCP in a foreign country. This investigation report reveals how CCP controls local Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) to interfere with other nation's internal affairs through Chinese embassy and consulates.

Chinese Consuls Assume the Role of Advisors of CSSA

CSSA comprise mainland Chinese students and scholars in foreign countries. At present, the organization exists in at least 12 countries. In the U.S. alone, there are at least 109 such associations. [7]

Chinese consuls are openly listed as advisory board on many universities' CSSA website. For example, two of the three members in the Advisory Board of CSSA in Columbia University are from the Chinese Consulate General in New York: they are Fanglin AI, the consul in charge of education affair, and Da Yao, the educational consul assigned to NYC and Long Island. [8]

CSSA Activities Are Funded by Chinese Consulates

CSSAs are usually registered as non-profit organizations. Their funds come from donation and sponsorship. Most of the sponsorship originates from the Chinese Consulate General. Take Case Western Reserve University as an example, CSSA in this school obtained \$1,170 from Chinese Consulate General in NY during 2006/2007 school year, amounting to one third of its annual income. [9]

As another example, CSSA of Staffordshire in England wrote in its regulation that "presently our funding mainly comes from Chinese Embassy, school and commercial donation from the society." [10]

Controlled by the Chinese Embassies and Consulates, CSSA Implements CCP's Policies in the U.S.

CSSA has become a powerful and well-organized oversea group under the leadership of CCP. Taking advantage of the student status, CSSA expresses the wishes of CCP, which the communist regime may not feel comfortable bringing up by itself; CSSA also helps to export the abusive human rights policies, to the extent of being unscrupulous. [11] CSSA organizes its members to welcome Chinese communist leaders during their state visit in oversea countries. When welcoming communist leaders, CSSA members also serve to block and mislead the protest groups. CSSA members try their

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best to suppress groups, organizations and individuals that the CCP considers enemy; hence, CSSA has become an extended persecution arm of the CCP into the foreign soil. We will give a few examples below:

Organizing Teams to Welcome High-Ranking Chinese Communist Leaders

On October 16, 2002, the Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars (FACSS) sent a contract to all CSSAs of its member schools, requiring those overseas Chinese students who planned to welcome Jiang Zemin to sign a contract, claiming that he or she would give up the right to protest with other groups to express their views and opinions.

The contract was written in English as follows:

(Dear all,

In order to protect the purity of our Welcome Team, in order to protect us to avoid future harassing calls. Please sign this legal statement and turn in to your group leader. Anybody who is against this agreement will be sued by our organization immediately.

Many thanks for your cooperation
FACSS

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Group X invites _____ to be a member in the Welcoming Group. In consideration for this invitation, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Welcoming Group. I also agree if any disturbances are caused by me (e.g. protest against the United States and/or President of China) to pay \$5,000.00 as minimal damages for any harm that may result from such disturbances to the group's reputation. Also, in regards to disturbances, I agree that if any another group such as, Fa Lun GUNG, contact us or we become aware of any threats of disturbance by any other groups, I agree to contact the group leaders of the Welcome Group as well as the proper authorities. We understand it is our right to protest with any other groups our views and opinions, but in becoming an active member in the Welcome Group, we voluntarily waive any such rights.)

FACSS claimed in the email it sent out that if any signee violated the contract, he or she would immediately be sued by the group.

Organized Protest Against the Canadian Independent Investigators' Forum on CCP Harvesting Organs from Live Falun Gong Practitioners

Recently, when the Canadian independent investigators informed public in the U.S. and Europe about their findings on CCP harvesting organs from live Falun Gong practitioners, there were always organized Chinese students protesting inside and outside of the meeting room. For example, at a press conference and a forum entitled "Invisible Killings: Expose CCP Harvesting Organs of Falun Gong Practitioners Alive", which were held on April 16, 2007 at Pittsburgh University in Pennsylvania, USA, where world's largest organ transplant center located, jointly by 13 student organizations including Pittsburgh University branch of Amnesty International, A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (STAND), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Pittsburgh University's Law School, Liberty in North Korea (LINK) and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Carnegie Mellon University, and Big Straw - an Asian American interests magazine, etc.; and at another forum entitled "China's New Genocide" in Columbia University on April 20. [12]

Before the forum at Columbia University started, Columbia University's CSSA (CUCSSA) sent out an e-mail, urging Chinese students to stage on-site protest. The e-mail blatantly stated that "we will use the sea of flags, dyed with blood". [13] After the event, 25 universities' CSSA in the greater New York area published open letters to support CUCSSA's action. The open letter was immediately reprinted by CCP's mouthpiece Xinhua Net to prove that the crackdown on Falun Gong has received overseas support. [14]

CSSA Participated in Chinese Embassy and Consulates' Anti-Falun Gong Activities for Years

In the afternoon of March 19, 2001, Zhang Hongxi, the Consul-General of PRC in NY held an anti-Falun Gong forum in Columbus University. About sixty members of CSSA of various higher institutions in New York area attended the forum.

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During the meeting, the CSSA chairman of Greater New York Zhang Kuan and others initiated a proposal to suppress Falun Gong. [15]

In its recent petition letter, NYUCCC cited in red ink a paragraph in the regulation section of NTDTV's Dance Competition, which reads: "Since Communist Party is outlawed in the United States, all songs and music that eulogize Communist Party will be prohibited during this competition. Contestants might want to send their dance music to the Judge's Committee for assessment in order to avoid unnecessary problems." After the quote, NYUCCC continually wrote using the same cheating method CCP used on its people, i.e. Making CCP and China interchangeable: "It's obvious that this dance competition is against China and separates our nationalities. It has political agenda of subverting People's Republic of China. Once held, it will have very bad impact on all Chinese students studying in NYU, as well as all Chinese students studying in the U.S.." Apparently, some people in charge of NYUCCC are attempting to incite nationalism and regard themselves as spokesperson of CCP in the U.S.. To ban any music praising communist in the competition is sure to bring "negative impact" on CCP, however, it has nothing to do with the Chinese students studying abroad. CCP doesn't represent all Chinese people, and a few NYUCCC leaders have no right at all to speak for all Chinese students in the foreign countries.

- [1] <http://dance.ntdtv.com/web/?q=en/front> (Back)
- [2] www.china.com.cn 2007-04-26 (Back)
- [3] Xinhua Net 's Current Political Affair Channel: Fast News 2007-04-30 (Back)
- [4] "Story Behind NTDTV's Dance Competition", Xinhua Net , 2007-06-08 (Back)
- [5] NYUCCC website (Back)
- [6] NYUCCC petition (Back)
- [7] <http://www.cnd.org/CSSA/> (Back)
- [8] <http://www.cucssa.org/>, <http://www.nyconsulate.prchina.org/> (Back)
- [9] http://filer.case.edu/org/cssa/NewsLetter/CSSA_2006-2007_Newletter_9.pdf (Back)
- [10] <http://www.cssa-staffs.org.uk/forums/archiver/?tid-575.html> (Back)
- [11] Dear Chairmans of CSSA:

The Consulate General has assigned you the following important tasks:

We've learned recently that Congressman from Florida Peter Deutsch is trying to persuade all House of Representatives and Senators in US to co-sign a letter, supporting Chen Shui-bian's so-called "defensive referendum", which was to be held on March 20. We request you to use the name of fraternity, to call for as many Chinese students and scholars as possible, to write e-mails to their respective Congressmen and Senators, not to support Chen Shui-bian's wrongful act, as it will hurt Chinese people's feeling. (I have attached sample letters for your reference. You could modify them as needed, but pay attention to your tone in the e-mail; I've also attached the contact information of the addressee.)

You must finish the task by March 20 and you should e-mail me about your status on March 16. (In particular, you should inform me of how many individuals have participated.)

We hope that everyone will show your patriotism and strong wish of Chinese people longing for a peaceful unification of our homeland!

Zhang Zhigang
March 12, 2004

Note: Zhang Zhigang is the Education Consul at the Chicago Consulate General of PRC
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- [12] <http://en.epochtimes.com/news/7-4-28/54666.html> (Back)
- [13] NTDTV has footages covering the entire forum. (Back)
- [14] "Chinese Students in US Wrote Open Letter to Protest Against Falun Gong Damaging China's Image", www.Chinaqw.com.cn, May 21, 2007 (Back)
- [15] "Chinese Students and Scholars in New York Area Held Forum to Expose and Criticize Falun Gong", by reporter Gong Wenmo, www.Chinanews.com.cn, March 19, 2001

To investigate the criminal conduct of all institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in the persecution of Falun Gong; to bring such investigations, no matter how long it takes, no matter how far and deep we have to search, to full closure; to exercise fundamental principles of humanity; and to restore and uphold justice in society.