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### **Li Lanqing Spoke at the National Award-giving Meeting for Advanced Groups and Individuals in Combating Evil Cults**

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(Hu Guo, People's Daily; Yi Hongzhu, Wang Leiming, Xinhua) This morning, the Central Party Organization Department and seven other ministries, committees and offices in the Party and governmental leadership held an award-giving meeting to honor 110 Advanced Groups and 271 Advanced Individuals who have had outstanding performance in combating the evil cult "Falun Gong". Li Lanqing, member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the Party, and Vice Premier of the State Department, gave an important speech at the meeting. He, on behalf of the Party and the State Department, expressed warm congratulations to the groups and individuals that were commended, and called upon Party organizations of all levels and the cadres and masses to learn from their experience, support the righteous and suppress the evil, carry out resolute struggles against the "Falun Gong" evil cult, and create a good social environment for the reform and development of our country in the new century.

The award-giving meeting was hosted by Ding Guangen, Politburo member and Secretary-general of the Secretariat to the Politburo. Luo Gan, Politburo member and Secretary-general, was present and read "the Decision of the Central Party Organization Department, Central Propaganda Department, Central Politics and Law Committee, Public Security Ministry, Civil Affairs Ministry, Personnel Ministry and the Office for the Prevention and Handling of Cults of the State Council to Commend the Advanced Groups and Individuals in Combating "Falun Gong" Evil Cult". At the meeting the advanced groups and individuals were awarded with certificates.

In his speech, Li Lanqing pointed out that evil cults are poisonous tumors that damage the development of human civilization. They infringe upon human rights, harm the society, harm the country and the people, and have become an international problem. Li Hongzhi fabricated his absurd "Falun Dafa", under the pretense of "strengthening health" and "truthfulness, compassion, tolerance", cheats the masses, developed illegal organizations and formed close-knit organizational networks. He deified himself as a living master, spread rumors of end of the world, created panic and an atmosphere of terror, exerted "spiritual control", poisoned people's minds, and made thousands of families lose their happy lives; he exercised trickeries, collected a lot of money, cheated people who practiced, and even damaged lives; he openly defied the law, organized and instigated sieges and attacks on Party and governmental organs and media organizations, held illegal gatherings, constantly instigated people to gather in Tiananmen Square to make trouble, and seriously damaged social stability. A lot of facts have indicated that "Falun Gong" possesses the main characteristics of modern evil cults, and what it has done has seriously harmed the physical and mental health of those who practiced, infringed upon the interests of the masses, and has caused serious interference to the social order and political stability of our country. The masses have hated this poisonous tumor in the society bitterly for a long time. Consistent with public opinion, the Party and the government resolutely took a series of major measures and lead the people of the whole country to carry out determined struggle against the "Falun Gong" evil cult, and have achieved major victories. The experience in the struggle have amply testified that the Party and the government have done the absolutely right thing to have made up our minds to crack down on "Falun Gong" evil cult, and this is consistent with the historical currents of the development of human civilization, and is consistent with national interest and the interest of the masses. This just action has got firm support from the whole Party, the whole society, and the overseas Chinese and those in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, and has been understood and supported by the countries in the world which support justice and those people with deep insight. If we fail to take firm action against the "Falun Gong" evil cult and allow it to develop, the people, the families and the nation will no longer be able to enjoy peace.

Li Lanqing pointed out that, in the struggle against the "Falun Gong" evil cult, we have always

Insisted that we educate and save the vast majority of those who practiced "Falun Gong", and that we punish by law the small number of organizers, planners and those criminals who persist in their stand and who carry out illegal activities. When we deal with those who practiced "Fatun Gong" and even those die-hard elements, we do not discriminate against them, nor do we leave them aside. On the contrary, we do our best to educate and save them out of our responsibility for the people and our humanitarianism, take various effective measures, carry out pains-taking and meticulous ideological educational work, in order to liberate them from the mental shackles of the evil cult and help them come back to normal family and social life. It has been proved that these policies and measures are completely correct and effective. This is a major contribution that China has made to human rights protection and the world's struggle against evil cults.

Li Lanqing pointed out that, in this struggle, which has a significant impact on the national security and the fundamental interest of the masses, many advanced groups and individuals have emerged, who have made outstanding contributions on their respective battle-lines and work positions. Among them, there are police officers who loyally execute their sacred mission, unafraid of fatigue, fight one battle after another, safeguard the dignity of the law, protect social order, and strike against the illegal trouble-making activities of "Falun Gong"; there are Party and governmental cadres and police and judicial officers in the grassroots level who, with their remarkable stamina and spirit, have been painstakingly and carefully educating, transforming and saving those who practice "Falun Gong"; there are scientific workers who safeguard science and the truth, and bravely reveal and refute the crooked remarks by Li Hongzhi and the true nature of "Falun Gong" as an evil cult; there are news and propaganda workers who have been revealing the nature of the evil theories of Li Hongzhi and the true nature of "Falun Gong" as an evil cult, giving timely reports on the struggle against the evil cult "Falun Gong", and mobilizing the masses to resist the harm of the evil cults, and actively carrying out struggles in propaganda; there are diplomatic workers who have been actively explain the righteous and serious standpoint of our government on "Fatun Gong", introducing the true situation, and winning understanding and support from the international community, and carrying out tit-for-tat struggles against overseas organizations of the "Falun Gong" evil cult; there are work units and grass-root Party organizations which have been active in their work, and which have taken effective measures to mobilize Party members and the masses to conduct firm struggles against the "Falun Gong" evil cult. Their experiences are extremely moving and enlightening. They manifest a remarkable sense of responsibility to the cause of the Party and the people; a spirit of fulfilling their missions and unselfish dedication; a humanitarian spirit as shown in their benevolence and patient education; a spirit of safeguarding science and sticking to the truth; a fearlessness of hardships and a willingness to take on hard tasks; a professionalism and a down-to-earth work style. These spirits are manifestations of Comrades Jiang Zemin's important thoughts of the "Three Represents", and are the manifestations of the glorious Party tradition under the new historical circumstances. The whole Party and the whole society must learn from the experiences of these advanced groups and individuals, support the righteous and suppress the evil, and carry out the struggle against "Falun Gong" evil cult to a deeper level.

Finally, Li Lanqing required the Party and government's leaders and the cadres of all levels and the masses to become fully aware of the seriousness of the "Falun Gong" problem and the complexity, intensity and the long-term nature of this struggle, further improve their understandings, take effective measures, and continue to do all the jobs well in the struggle against the "Falun Gong" evil cult, We must, under the firm leadership of the Party center with Comrade Jiang Zemin at its core, uphold the glorious banner of the Deng Xiaoping theories, using the important thoughts of "Three Represents" as the guiding principle, strengthen our confidence, rouse ourselves up, carry out down-to-earth work, unite ourselves and make incessant efforts to realize the magnificent objectives of reform and open-door policy and modernization of our country in the new century.

Those present at the award-giving meeting were the responsible comrades of relevant departments of all the provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and central Party and government ministries. More than 1600 people received honors. Representatives of the advanced groups and individuals made touching speeches at the meeting.

Before the award-giving meeting, Li Lanqing, Ding Guangen, Luo Gan and other leaders kindly met with the representatives of advanced groups and advanced individuals.

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