

Press Advisory: Laogai Research Foundation to Launch New English-Language Publication and Traveling Museum Exhibition in Hong Kong to mark the Sixtieth Anniversary of CCP Rule.



Washington, DC- September 21, 2009- From September 23-October 1, 2009, the Laogai Research Foundation (LRF) will be participating in a series of events in Hong Kong, condemning 60 years of repression under the Chinese Communist Party. Among these activities is the launch of a unique publication about China's Laogai, or forced labor camps, entitled *Laogai: The Machinery of Repression in China*, published by Umbrage Editions in New York. LRF will also be running a series of street exhibitions throughout Hong Kong entitled "Laogai: The Human Cost," detailing stories of individual suffering in China's Laogai, many of which cannot be discussed in China today.

Executive Director Harry Wu said of the planned events, "The significance of holding our exhibition in Hong Kong on National Day is to serve as a reminder that Communist rule in China has been marred by human suffering from its beginning. On the 60th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China, I can think of nothing more appropriate than to remember the true human cost of China's one-party rule."

Information for the events is as follows:

September 23rd 12:45 pm-2pm- Presentation by Nicole Kempton, Washington Director: "The Machinery of Repression in China: China's Laogai and Prospects for Reform"

Location: The Foreign Correspondent's Club, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central

Language: English

September 23rd 3 pm-4 pm- Press Conference

Location: 402 Hennessy Road, 4th Floor, Rooms 4-5, Causeway Bay

Language: English, Cantonese and Mandarin

September 24th-25th 9 am-5pm –Exhibition, "Laogai: The Human Cost"

Location: Cultural Center, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin

Language: English and Chinese 9 am-5pm

September 25th 2pm-4:30 pm- Panel Discussion

Location: TY Wong Hall, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin

Language: Cantonese and Mandarin

September 26th-27th 10am-8pm- Street Exhibition, “Laogai: The Human Cost,” and Performance Art

Location: Corner of Shantung St. and Sai Yeung Choi St., across from the Wing Wah Building

Language: English and Chinese

September 28th-29th 10 am-8pm- Street Exhibition, “Laogai: The Human Cost”

Location: Paterson Street, opposite Pearl City, Causeway Bay

Language: English and Chinese

October 1st 3pm-5pm- Street Exhibition, “Laogai: The Human Cost”

Location: In front of the LegCo Building, Central

Language: English and Chinese

Washington Director Nicole Kempton will be available for interviews in Hong Kong from Sept 21-27 and can be reached on +1 301 385 4912; Deputy Director Megan Fluker will be available from Sept 27-October 1. LRF Executive Director Harry Wu will be available for interviews from the Washington, DC office. Should you have interest in covering these activities or have questions about *Laogai: The Machinery of Repression in China*, please contact Lindsey Purdy in the Washington office by phone at (202) 408-8300 or by e-mail at lindsey@laogai.org.

The Laogai Research Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded by former political prisoner Harry Wu in 1992. Its mission is to gather information on and raise public awareness of the Laogai—China’s extensive system of forced labor prison camps.

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