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Investigative Report on the Control of Overseas Chinese and the Implementation of Global United Front Work Strategy by the Chinese Communist Regime (April 24, 2008)

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Prologue

On April 9, 2008, the Beijing Olympics Torch reached San Francisco. This would be its only stop in North



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America. After a series of massive protests in the UK and France where the protesting crowds overwhelmed the pro-China supporters, the Chinese Communist regime began to mobilize through its embassy and consulates in the US. Virtually all available human resources in the San Francisco Bay Area Chinese Communities, Chinatown, as well as human resources from the neighboring areas were called upon to amass a huge supporting group. This was the first time the Chinese Communist regime openly demonstrated its will and power to mobilize large scale Chinese Communities while under the scrutiny of major US social groups and Western media. It also exposed the long-term effect of the Chinese Communists of organizing and controlling local Chinese Communities.

A well-known private intelligence analysis firm, Strategic Forecasting Inc, conducted an analysis on this special San Francisco incident in its "Terrorism Intelligence Report." [1] This report aimed to comprehensively reveal the background factors of this incident in both theory and its practical operational perspectives.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) was founded by the Chinese Communists' objective of a totalitarian, authoritarian dictatorship and the doctrine of Marxism. [2] As soon as they seized power in Mainland China, the CCP began its tyranny with the goal of brutally and systematically purging traditional Chinese values, moral conduct and civilization. This resulted in the unnatural deaths of 80 million Chinese people. [3] It also caused major damage to the social environment, natural habitat, and disrupted people's lives. Even though the Chinese Communist Regime repeatedly proclaims how good the Socialist System is, how "great" the CCP is, the number of Chinese abandoning their homes and immigrating to other countries increases daily. The International Organization for Migration [4] and U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan [5] drew the same conclusion that "China is the country with the largest overseas immigrants." According to historical records, the total accumulated overseas Chinese immigrants up until 1949 brinked 10 million. [6] However, up until 2005, overseas Chinese immigrants increased sharply to 35 million. [7] So in the short span of 56 years from 1949 to 2005, there were at least 25 million Chinese immigrating overseas, accounting for 2.5 times the historical total immigration population.

At present, 90 percent of the 30 million overseas Chinese immigrants and their descendants have adopted citizenships from their residing countries (foreign national Chinese). [8] But the Chinese Communist regime never let go of its grip to control these Chinese immigrants, [9] or ways to transform their ideology. They exploit and utilize them to expand the Chinese Communist sphere of influence in the international society.

Under the leadership of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council [10] and with the cooperation of the Department of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [11] the regime has established a Chinese immigrant political strategy and procedures that specifically targeted the overseas Chinese. They have conducted systematic, long-term deceptive propaganda and indoctrination of Chinese Communist ideological concepts.

The regime has worked on exploiting Chinese immigrants' sentimental emotions towards their homeland, confusing them and lumping together the notion that China and the CCP are the same, instigating Chinese immigrants to legitimize and act loyally to the Chinese Communist Party. The implementation of this strategy is carried out by the United Front Work Department of the CCP Central Committee. [13] The Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council specifically emphasized, "Maintain the continuity of the work in overseas Chinese affairs," requesting officials of overseas Chinese affairs to "identify, nurture and establish major



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targets” among 2nd and 3rd generation overseas Chinese, as well as new immigrants. [14] Even though the Chinese Communist’s activities of “overseas Chinese affairs” were not conducted in the Communist organizational forms, such political alliances formed overseas under the driving force of the Chinese Communist regime, with the purpose of “conducting work for Chinese Immigrants, Overseas Chinese and its Social Organizations” [15] being very similar to the then “Third Communist International” formed by the Soviet Communists. [16] Their purpose was to seek out representatives and to establish Communist branch offices in various countries. Such effort directly nurtures and establishes Chinese Communist influences inside the belly of other nations. Such political alliances have the same will as the Chinese Communist regime, exerting subtle and gradual influence on the value direction and national policy of residing countries through ideological infiltration and assault. In the eyes of the international society, the Chinese Communist regime is, quietly and without traces, seizing a controlling power of other nations beyond its own domain. Now, a huge network of political alliances, organizations, social clubs and administrative divisions under the control of the Chinese Communists has been established within many countries. They have essentially become a nation within a nation among many countries.

1. The Chinese Communist Party’s Global United Front Strategy

The so-called United Front, according to the explanation of the CCP Central Committee United Front Department, “specifically refers to the political coalition of various social political forces (including various classes, strata, political parties, groups, and even ethnic groups, and countries, etc.) formed under some historical circumstances, based on common interest for a fixed common goal, under the theoretic guidance of Marxism, organized and led by the Chinese Communist Party.” [13] The united front is one of the “three magic weapons” of the CCP’s revolution, [17] and is an effective tool for the CCP’s expansion.

1.1 Comments on the United Front Work by the CCP Leaders

In 1939, Mao said in the first issue of “The Communists” that “The united front, the armed struggle, and party building are the three magic weapons of the Chinese Communist Party to defeat enemies in the Chinese revolution, three major magic weapons.” [18] “Without the united front, the revolution would not have succeeded. Even if it succeeded, it would not have been consolidated.” [19]

Deng Xiaoping once said soon after the CCP took power, “The united front is a concrete application of Marxism-Leninism’s strategies, tactics and principles.” [20] On August 15, 1979, Deng Xiaoping gave explicit direction to the 14th national conference on united front work: “The united front work is a task for the entire party, it depends on the entire party to do it. Party committees at every level should include the united front in their agenda.” [21]

On December 4, 2000, Jiang Zemin said at the 19th national conference on united front work, “The fundamental task of the united front work is to fight to win people’s hearts and gather the forces.” [22]

On July 10, 2006, Hu Jintao said at the 20th national conference on united front work: “The united front is an important magic weapon of the Chinese Communist Party to govern and rejuvenate the country,” “to consolidate and develop the broadest patriotic united front is an important, integral part of our party improving its ability to govern.” [23]



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1.2 Strategy change from the "world revolution" to the "patriotic united front" across the borders

In early 1966, the CCP thought the "world revolution" had come to a climax. On May 16, the Great Cultural Revolution began under Mao Zedong's call, aiming at complete destruction of traditional Chinese philosophy, morality and civilization. [24]

The CCP's reckless forced exportation of "Mao Zedong's Thought and the Cultural Revolution" caused 30 countries to have diplomatic conflicts with China, while 48 countries had established diplomatic or semi-diplomatic relations with China. [25] The isolation in the international environment forced the CCP to shift its strategy. On August 12, 1977, the CCP announced the end of "the First Proletariat Great Cultural Revolution," which lasted for 11 years. [26]

On October 2, 1977, responding to the need to stabilize the CCP's regime, and to improve its situation in the international community, Deng Xiaoping started a new channel of external expansion by saying "overseas relationships are a good thing, it can open relations from all aspects." [27] Those who used to be discriminated and persecuted because of their "ties with overseas" have now become "links and bridges" to the overseas targets of the CCP's united front work.

On June 15, 1979, in his opening remarks to the 2nd session of the 5th National Political Consultative Conference, Deng Xiaoping said that a new alliance consisting of two kinds of "patriots" both in and outside of mainland China had taken shape. [28] This "patriots political alliance", as called by Deng Xiaoping, consists of one alliance of the "democratic parties" under the leadership of the Communist Party, and the other by the "patriots" outside mainland China, including those in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, and overseas Chinese.

In 1981, the CCP formally renamed its united front during this period as the "patriotic united front." [29]

In May 1985, the Secretariat of CCP Central Committee required in its directive to strengthen the united front work to "boldly carry out united front work overseas." [30]

In June 1986, Deng Xiaoping personally met with more than 200 relatives of the "red capitalist" Rong Yiren from the United States, Canada, Australia, Germany, Brazil, Hong Kong, Macao, and other countries and regions. Deng told them that "this reunion of your family," "is the sign of our nation's unity and an exercise." [31]

After drastic changes in Eastern Europe and especially after the collapse of the former Soviet Union, for fear of following the steps of the Eastern European Communist Camp, which had collapsed like a house of cards, the CCP issued on July 14, 1990 "Notice of the CCP Central Committee to Strengthen the United Front Work". [32] This notice was sent to united front personnel at all levels in the entire country. It emphasized in the notice that the core of "the patriotic united front" is the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, and demanded "to vigorously carry out the united front work overseas... to actively strengthen and develop connections with influential representative persons and groups, to carry out the work in a guided, organized, multi-channeled and diversified manner.



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The CCP Central Committee United Front Work Department set up key topics for research and provided the outcome of such research as an important reference for the CCP central and local committees in their policy making regarding the work of the united front. [33]

Some results of the key research were included in the 2004 Blue Book of the CCP Central Committee United Front Work Department:

- (1) "Cohesion of the Chinese nationality" as the soul and backbone of the "united front";
- (2) Enhance the attractiveness of the Chinese Communist Party as the national core and the attractiveness of the banners of socialism and patriotism;
- (3) Focus on "cultural identity, patriotism to the country and hometown" to enhance the cohesion among non-communist people in mainland China, Chinese people in Hong Kong, Macao and overseas. [34]

In early February 2007, the CCP Central Committee United Front Work Department published "Comments on implementation of the 'cohesion project' in the united front work (Trial)," [35] which specifically pointed out to "closely unite the members of the united front around the CCP." Tasks include:

- (1) "Consolidate and develop the CCP-led multi-party cooperation in the political structure";
- (2) "Hold high the banner of patriotism";
- (3) "Continue to use those effective activities and carrier like 'memorial service for Yellow Emperor (Huang Di) in Huangling County', 'overseas outstanding youth gather in China', etc."
- (4) "Strengthen the 'centripetal force' and direct Hong Kong, Macao and overseas Chinese inward towards their motherland" by giving full play to the "leading role" of the "advanced socialist culture" and "promoting Chinese language education overseas."

These contents show that the research outcome and tasks of the united front work by the CCP aim to transform to transform the Chinese people's national identity into the identity of the CCP.

2. Chinese Communist Party's Overseas Forces in Action

As early as the Sino-Japanese War, the CCP established the branch offices of the Communist Party and various organizations. [36] Under the CCP's incitement, overseas Chinese agreed with the CCP's political view and followed its order. Especially after October 19, 1950 when the CCP's army combated with the UN army in South Korea in order to support Kim Il Sung, [37] many countries began to suspect the Chinese as "the fifth garrison exported from the Communist Party." On February 1, 1951, a resolution was passed during a UN conference, in which it condemned China for invading North Korea. This later caused the large-scale "anti-Chinese" wave in Malaysia, colonial England, Thailand, Burma, and Vietnam. The Overseas Chinese Affairs were suddenly isolated and experienced a difficult position in the international society. [38] In 1952, being anxious to improve its position and wash off the image of an invader, as well as to protect the long-term survival and development of the overseas CCP's forces in the residing countries, the CCP made major strategic adjustments. On the surface, it cancelled the CCP's overseas branch office "Overseas Chinese Party" that conducted the activities publicly overseas [39]. In 1966, the CCP's forceful export "revolution" once again faced strong resistance from international society. The CCP once again changed its strategy and became active on the international stage with a more deceiving mask.



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2.1 “Underground” Party Organizational Activities in the Overseas Companies and Organizations Funded by the CCP

The SINOHYDRO Corporation is a large international enterprise directly under the control of the Central and State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council. [40] On August 24, 2006, the tentative Party committee of the company issued “Guidance for Reinforcing Party Development Work in the Overseas Operating Units.” The 18th rule in “The Principles of Party Activities for the Overseas Operating Units” states, “When corporations, international enterprises and their subsidiary companies set up their overseas operating units, they need to simultaneously establish a Party organization to insure that wherever there is a management project and personnel, there is a Party organization.” The 32nd rule states, “All overseas Party organizations in the overseas operating units must report to and be under the leadership of the Party Committee of the Chinese Embassy in that country.” The 33rd rule states, “When establishing Party organizations, overseas operating units need to conform to the situations of the residing country. It is not advised to openly hold large-scale activities or conferences in the name of the Party organization, nor can the internal information of the Party be exposed. One cannot accept foreign media interviews in the name of the leader of the Party organization.” [41]

China National Oil & Gas Exploration and Development Corporation (CNODC): By the end of 2004, this company had 31 overseas companies with 12,000 staff members in total, working on 45 contract projects in 21 countries in four continents. With the principle of “wherever the team is, the Party organization should be established and its activities should be initiated,” the tentative Party Committee of this company had established Party Committees in Sudan, Venezuela and Kazakhstan, and a joined Party General Branch in Indonesia. It has five Party general branches and 39 Party branches. The tentative Party Committee also made every effort to recruit the Party members from excellent technical personnel and management staff. It held a total of 28 training sessions for Party member candidate activists, with 114 staff and youths recruited to the Party members. The number of the Party members increased to 662 in 2005 from 50 in 1997, a number comprised of 56.7% of its total staff. [42]

The China Geological Engineering Corporation (CGC) is a central enterprise that primarily deals with international contract projects. It has management departments, project departments and offices in nearly thirty countries in Asia and Africa. It has 115 overseas Party members. Since June 20, 2004, the CGC Party Committee has started to “thoroughly investigate the number and distribution of overseas active Party members,” “so that overseas active Party members have unified guidance even though they are physically distant from their homeland.” “Conforming to the requirement of wherever there are Party members, there are Party organizations; wherever there are Party organizations, there are systematic organization agendas. Establish and strengthen the Party branch offices and ensure every Party member is under the management of the Party branches.” [43]

On June 30, 2006, the business division of the Chinese Embassy in Cote D'Ivoire held a Party organizational meeting for China-funded enterprises, celebrating the 85th anniversary establishment of the CCP. They organized Party members from various companies including the Bridges Company, business trade center, overseas pharmaceutical companies, the Shanghai Textile Company, the Tianshi International as well as Xinhua News Agency, and Teachers Group to Aid Cote D'Ivoire. The economics and commercial consul stated regarding the conduct of overseas Party members, “Every Party member carries the glorious historic mission



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and manifests the policy of the Party,” “with your own act to practice the Party Central Committee’s important strategic plot of ‘stepping out’.” [44]

2.2 Using Public Funds for Training Leaders of Overseas Chinese Community and Summer Camps for Overseas Chinese Youths and Teenagers

Training for Leaders of Overseas Chinese Community

Zhou Lishuo, Reporter from China News, reported from Guilin City on May 29, 2006: “In order to encourage and nurture more overseas Chinese youth to serve in Chinese communities, the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs under State Council invited over 30 young to middle aged Chinese from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, U.S., France, U.K., and Holland to attend the third session of “Advanced Training for Young Generation Overseas Chinese Entrepreneurs” in 2006. The students attending the training session all assume important roles in overseas Chinese associations in their respective countries. Most of them are children of renowned Chinese businessmen or leaders of these associations. They are financially well off, and have the enthusiasm to serve the Chinese community. These people have great potential as the future leaders of overseas Chinese communities, so they are really worth teaching.” [45]

According to news released from the Office of Overseas Affairs under State Council on June 12, 2007, the Office of Overseas Affairs in Zhejiang Province “hosted Training Classes for Young Overseas Chinese Community Leaders for three consecutive years since 2004, with great support from Chinese Embassies and Consulates in other countries, in order to enhance the training of overseas association leaders and to maintain the pro-China source outside China. Since 2004, 89 young or middle aged Chinese leaders from Europe, Australia, Africa, South America and North America attended the training. Thus, we were able to enhance the training and the guidance for these community leaders....” [46]

In the afternoon of August 17, 2007, after the completion of the Fourth Training Session for Leaders in Overseas Chinese Community, the graduation ceremony was held in the Diaoyutai State Guest House. The Director of the Office of Overseas Affairs under State Council, Li Haifeng, Deputy Director Xu Yousheng, and Vice President of the National Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference attended the ceremony. Luo Haocai personally handed the graduation certificates to the students. There were 43 students in this training session. They were from Canada, U.S., Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Chili, Australia and New Zealand. Luo Haocai stated that hosting such training sessions was “an innovative strategy” that the Office of Overseas Affairs adopted based on the current situation of overseas affairs, and it will help with the development of the work for the overseas Chinese affairs. [47]

In the “Reform Plan to Maintain the Advanced Features of Communist Party Members” in Huzhou City, Zhejiang Province, it stated: “Strengthen our connection to young generations amongst overseas Chinese; try our best to host the second provincial training session of overseas association leaders in Huzhou City.” [48]

On May 29, 2007, 37 overseas Chinese community leaders from 15 countries whose hometown was Rui’an came back to Rui’an to attend the First Training Session for Overseas Chinese Community Leaders. The content taught at the training session was “custom-made” for these leaders. In addition to five classes on interpersonal relationships, management of personnel, international political analysis, foreign affairs policies



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and rules, etiquette in business, quality for community leaders and community management, there were also classes introducing the economic development in Rui'an. According to responsible persons in the Office of Overseas Affairs at Rui'an, they "spent more than 100,000 Yuan to host this free training session for these overseas Chinese community leaders." [49]

The following is a partial list of overseas Chinese community leaders who had been to such training sessions in China between 2004 and 2007.

Xu Jiyou (male)

President of the Association of Overseas Chinese from Guangzhou City in U.K. He was born in Dongping Village, Baiyun District of Guangzhou City. He later immigrated to the U.K. and was involved in a restaurant business. In 2004, he took the initiative to establish the Association of Overseas Chinese from Guangzhou City in the U.K. and he took on the role as the president.[50] He had attended training for overseas Chinese community leaders organized by the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs under State Council. There are more than 300 members in the Association. Most members came from Baiyun District, Guangzhou City. Currently, there are more than 2,000 Chinese from Baiyun District of Guangzhou City living in the U.K. Most of them live in Manchester. [51]

Yang Chunlai

Yang is the head of the Association of Chinese Scientists and Engineers (ACSE). He left Beijing in 1990 to migrate to the United States. ACSE was established two years later in Chicago, and was formally registered with the state of Illinois. The association has members in over 20 states, and its headquarters is based in Chicago. [52] In May 2005, Yang went to Beijing for training with other leaders of overseas Chinese organizations. [53] On June 21, 2007, at the 4th Annual World Overseas Chinese Community Association Friendship Conference, hosted by the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council, and the China-Overseas Exchange Association, [54] Yang gave a speech, saying that "one needn't return to one's country to serve one's country," and "**we now have 1,500 members, with roughly a third of them possessing U.S. citizenship. Through our members' relationships with friends and family members, I estimate that we can influence 500 ballots.**" (2008 is the Presidential election year in the United States) [55]

Li Guosheng

Li, who hails from Yuyao City of Zhejiang Province, is the Secretary-General of the Singaporean overseas Chinese organization, Association of Native Chinese. In 1993, he settled down in Singapore with a position in Singapore's United Morning News. He also offers service to the Singaporean overseas Chinese organization, Three River Guild, by assisting the group's chairman, Shui Mingzhang. In May 2001, Li became Secretary-General of the Association of Native Chinese, which has 400 Singaporean Chinese as its members. On July 4, 2006, when Li attended the Third Annual Study Session of Zhejiang Province for Young and Middle-Aged Leaders of Overseas Chinese Communities, Chen Xiaolong, head of the Yuyao City Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, made a special trip to Hangzhou to visit him. [56]

Jiang Weimin

Jiang is currently the president of the Chinese Association for Science and Technology in Utah (CASTUT). In 2007, he went for training at the Fourth Annual Study Session for Young and Middle-Aged Leaders of Overseas Chinese Associations sponsored by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. [57] CASTUT is



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described as a non-political, non-profit professional organization established in New York in 1992, and registered in the United States. CASTUT was established at the end of 1996. Its members are mainly Chinese professionals in the fields of science and technology, engineering, law, finance, culture and education, and professionals in other areas who reside in the United States. [58]

Zhang Xieling

Zhang is the President of the Northeastern Chinese Association of California, President of the U.S.-based Sino-U.S. Industry and Commerce Federation, President of the Northeastern Chinese Overseas Friendship Association, and the Managing Director of the International Haitong Company of America. [59] Under the direction of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Municipal Government of Harbin City, he developed the Harbin City Overseas Exchange Association (HOEA), and was the "Specially Invited Overseas Director." [60] In 2007, he went for training at the Fourth Annual Study Session for Young and Middle-Aged Leaders of Overseas Chinese Communities, hosted by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council.

Zhang Yue

Zhang is the Vice-President for the Association for Promotion of the Peaceful Unification of China of the Northern Territories of Australia. In 2007, he went for training at the Fourth Annual Study Session for Young and Middle-Aged Leaders of Overseas Chinese Associations, hosted by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. [61]

In addition, a large number of overseas Chinese from all over the world have received the training for "Overseas Chinese Leaders" given by the departments at all levels of the Chinese government. For detailed information, please contact World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong.

Getting Together for Overseas Chinese

According to *Huasheng News* from Hangzhou City, one of the overseas Chinese online newspapers, the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Huangzhou held a directors' meeting on February 28, 2006. On behalf of the Communist Party Committee of this Office, Director Chen Shulong made a plan for five key projects in 2006: "Actively launch networking activities with overseas Chinese, continuously increase the pro-China forces abroad, organize networking conferences for overseas Chinese who were originally from Hangzhou or Hangzhou descendents, host educational sessions for overseas young Chinese leaders, and establish relationship with Chinese organizations in South America and Africa where we do not have much resource of overseas Chinese affairs. [62]

The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Guangzhou City made a strategic working plan on July 10, 2006 that included: (1) Support and help new overseas Chinese associations to grow and to blend into mainstream society. Train a group of young to middle aged leaders, helping them to gradually become the leading force of local overseas Chinese communities; (2) Invite 20-30 key persons from overseas to come to Guangzhou to attend activities aimed at establishing friendships every year with public funds. Also, invite 10-15 capable, influential young to middle aged association leaders to visit Guangzhou with public funds. Organize summer camps for juniors from overseas and Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao with public funds. [63]

Summer Camps for Overseas Young Chinese



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In order to strengthen its control of overseas Chinese, the CCP uses state funds to organize a large number of summer camps for overseas young Chinese and for young Chinese from Hong-Kong, Macao and Taiwan. [63]

In 2006 alone, China's Overseas Office collaborated with local overseas offices to hold many large-scale "Root-Seeking Summer Camps in China" activities and other cultural activities, attempting to impose more influence on young Chinese Americans. More than 11,000 junior Chinese Americans from 61 countries and regions participated in these activities, a shocking number and scale. [64]

2.3 Overseas "Chinese Community Social Activities" organized to carry out Chinese Communist Party's messages and objectives

According to statistics, there are roughly 10,000 overseas Chinese organizations around the world. [65] In examining the contents and nature of these organizations' activities, we see the scope of the CCP's control over overseas Chinese communities.

2.3.1 Chinese Communist Party's National Day Celebration

The CCP always pays special attention to the annual "National Day Celebration" (the date when the CCP came to power in China, "Oct 1" for short below), including a reception and "Flag-rising Ceremony" organized by the Chinese embassies or consulates around the world. According to incomplete statistics, 36 such kind of receptions were held in 2006 in countries like Canada, US, Britain, France, Holland, Jamaica, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Egypt, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Burma, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Venezuela, Iran, Nepal, Afghanistan, etc.; [66] and in 2007, that number increased to at least 80. [67] The description on Chinese government's gateway website (www.GOV.cn) marks the three basic characteristics of those "Oct 1" activities as - "to display power," "to demonstrate cohesive force" and "to make good use of appealing power" [68] "Since early September, various departments of the Chinese embassies and consulates started to send out 'Oct 1' reception invitations to local government officials, organizations, foreign delegations, overseas Chinese groups, China funded companies, foreign correspondents, and so on." [69]

Some reception scales were quite large. On the evening of September 25, 2006, the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles held an "Oct 1" reception at the Hilton Hotel where 2000 people were in attendance, including California state officials, council members, overseas Chinese, Chinese students abroad and representatives of China funded companies, etc. [70]

On the day of the celebration, in addition to a reception and entertainment, a "Flag-rising Ceremony" is usually conducted as well. While attending their activity, the Chinese Consul General in New York Liu Biwei once urged the local Chinese community to raise the "five-starred red flag." [71] He claimed that "it was a wise choice to follow this trend of social development;" [72] the "five-starred red flag," "your name is more important than our lives." [73]

In the morning of September 23, 2006, the Chinese Consul General in San Francisco, Peng Keyu presided in person the "Flag-rising Ceremony" at the Portsmouth Square in Chinatown for the 57th anniversary of the CCP ruling China. Vice Consul General Wang Xinping, consuls Tong Xuejun, Yan Jinlin and vice consul Chen



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Xiaoyi arrived together. Dozens of community leaders including president Zhong Shaoyuan and the first vice president of the Chinese American Association of Commerce (CAAC) Huang Xihai, president Huang Huaxi and vice president Liu Jianfa of the National Association for China's Peaceful Unification (NACPU), consultant Bai Lan of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (CCC), manager Li Biao and deputy manager Huang Ronghui of Ying On Labor & Merchant Association, and consultant Wu Guobao of Sam Yup Benevolent Association, as well as over 200 overseas Chinese attended the ceremony. Chi Honghu, executive chairman of the People's Republic of China (PRC) National Day Celebration Committee said that due to the "gradual increase of overall state power of China, many traditional Chinese American associations have started to hang the 'five-starred red flag' one after another." In the evening of that same day, celebration dinner parties were held concurrently at the Far East Cafe and Four Seas Restaurant in San Francisco's Chinatown. More than 1000 community leaders and members were present. [74]

2.3.2 Overseas Chinese Patriotism Exploited by the Chinese Communist Party during the Beijing Olympic Torch Relay

According to *China News Agency*'s April 17 report from Beijing, the director of State Council's Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, Li Haifeng said, "From pictures on TVs, newspapers and Internet, we can see a big crowd of overseas Chinese protecting the "Olympic Torch" with five-starred red flags flown everywhere." [75] In his talk of less than 130 words, Li Haifeng repeatedly emphasized that it was a voluntarily action of overseas Chinese to "support the Olympics" and "condemn the independence of Tibet". However, from the following CCP central government level news reports, we know that the large scale action of overseas Chinese was not at all out of their hearts. Instead they were organized activities by the CCP consulates and associations under their control. The so-called patriotism of overseas Chinese was in fact manipulated and taken advantage of by the CCP and has thus become a tool for the CCP in expressing its will.

Let's look at the two stops of the "Beijing Olympic Torch Relay (BOTR)" in San Francisco and Australia:

(1) On April 9, the BOTR arrived at San Francisco, USA

China News Net reported on March 15 that according to *World Journal* in the U.S., the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (a.k.a. Chinese Six Companies) and the Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco co-initiated a signature campaign among Chinese communities to welcome the Beijing Olympic Torch (BOT). They planned to send in the signatures to the consulate later on. [76]

China News Net correspondent Wu Zhuoming reported on April 3 that they have learned that the Chinese consulate had sent letters to all Chinese organizations in the Bay Area to request head counts for April 9. CAAC president Zhong Shaoyuan said that his organization had been preparing for the welcome activities of the BOTR. On April 9, Zhong Shaoyuan told the VOA reporter in an interview: "CAAC has arranged for 150 groups to welcome the torch." [77]

China News Agency correspondent Zhang Wei reported from San Francisco on April 8 that Liu Jianmin, president of NACPU in the greater Los Angeles area, arrived in a bus with over 50 people that afternoon. They were representatives of traditional Chinese American associations in the Los Angeles area. Zhang Sujiu, chairman of Southern California Federation of Chinese Organizations (SCFCO) said that many groups



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including SCFCO, US Beijing Union, Los Angeles Tsinghua Alumni Association, Los Angeles Northeast Folk Association, Los Angeles Jinhua Folk Association, etc. have all sent representatives to San Francisco to “protect the voyage” of the BOTR. [78]

According to *China Press USA*, CAAC consultant Chi Honghu said that CAAC has prepared 10 thousand small US national flags and five-starred red flags, 10 thousand Olympic flags and 10 thousand T-shirts with the Olympic emblem (i.e. five interlocking colored rings). [79] The Chinese Senior Association from the Silicon Valley took the 30 big buses from the Silicon Valley early in the morning of April 9, and came to San Francisco to welcome the torch. Starting from 5:00 am, more than 90 arranged buses transported people from all over the Bay Area to the starting and ending points of the torch relay route in San Francisco. [80]

Doctoral student Tang Yuchun is from the Medical School at the Shandong University. He had just arrived at UCLA to study one year in the Neuroscience Department. He said that the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) in UCLA have organized the “Escort activity for the BOTR in San Francisco”. Along with two other schools in Los Angeles, about 100 Chinese students and scholars went to San Francisco to participate. He also mentioned that they were given the task to occupy favorable sites so that those advocating independence of Tibet would not have a chance to get in. [81]

On April 13, Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles, Zhang Yun held a reception at his Consulate for 300 people of local communities and schools who had gone to San Francisco to welcome the Olympic torch. The vice consuls general Huang Xiaojian and Xu Zhaoyou, as well as each department head also attended. In his welcoming speech, Zhang Yun said: “We have traveled day and night to San Francisco, in order to protect the BOTR... You have bravely stood at the forefront, without any fear, using your flesh body, five-starred red flags and five ring flags to ensure the safe relay of the torch.” [82]

(2) The Beijing Olympics torch relay arriving at Canberra, the capital of Australia on April 24

April 11, 2008, a group named "4.24 Canberra Defend the Olympic Torch activities (Melbourne) leading group" published on Sina website (sina.com.cn) a “4.24 Canberra Olympic Torch Defense Activity Coordination Plan”, in which it publicly announced the regular meetings on April 15, 20 and 22 to be held at the Chinese Consulate General and its education section, respectively, to report the progress on the coordination of the activities organization, arrange and plan out organizational tasks, and that the Chinese Consulate General and education section would send staff to coordinate and support them. [83]

The Australian Chinese Youth Exchange Promotion Association (ACYA) which claims to accept support from the Chinese Embassy to Australia issued an "Invitation to the Beijing Olympic Torch Relay in Australia Supporters League" on April 12, 2008 in China's largest portal web site, "Sohu blog" (blog.sohu.com). The invitation stated that "the organizers would provide free Sydney - Canberra round-trips by bus, free food (breakfast and lunch), and that the ACYA would provide Olympic souvenirs and activity certificates" as incentives to encourage people to participate in the "supporters league" to welcome the Beijing Olympics Torch in Canberra. [84]

According to the "Australian New Express Daily", which is under the CCP's “Yangcheng Evening News newspaper group,” [85] on April 19, 2008 they reported that they took the lead and launched the "support torch



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relay, red flags cover Australia" activity, ordered 1000 "five-star red flags" from multiple factories in Guangzhou, and express mailed the flags to Canberra before April 24 and "donate them to local overseas Chinese to escort the Olympic torch." [86]

Xinhua News Agency, Beijing reported on April 17: "The Chinese Consulate in Sydney disclosed that the number was 5,000 people that went to the capital Canberra to protect the torch." Sydney Chinese organizations have formed a 400-member national flag square, and other small Chinese organizations have also formed their own national flag square. One of the activity planners, the vice president of Australia Chinese Youth Chamber of Commerce Suo Jiang said, "We want to dye the sky of Canberra red with the five-star red flags." [87]

2.3.3 Chinese Communist Party-controlled Activities against the dissidents

In April 2001, **over 50 Chinese organizations in Canada**, under the secret direction of the Chinese embassy and consulates in Canada, jointly sent a letter to then-Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, urging the Canadian government to immediately take measures to restrict the community activities of Falun Gong, which has been legally registered in Canada. [88] Chen Yonglin, a former political consul of the Chinese Consulate-General in Sydney, who defected from the CCP, revealed on June 4, 2005 that the CCP sent out notices about this letter to all of its embassies and consulates around the world, stating that the Chinese Embassy and Consulates in Canada performed well and achieved good effects, and that all other embassies and consulates should learn from them. [89]

Sydney Chinatown community leader King Fong [90] said in an interview with Sydney Morning Herald on February 7, 2005, "We have had this issue before us for the past few years, and there are a lot of issues involved. But if we support Falun Gong, and they are banned in China, it is realistic to say that China could affect some of our trade and cultural concessions. We locally don't want to play politics ... but we also don't want to harm our relationship with China." [91]

(Sydney Morning Herald, "Row over Chinese new year parade" by Darren Goodsir February 7, 2005
<http://www.wwrn.org/article.php?idd=1922&sec=25&cont=5>)

The following are a few examples of the above-mentioned overseas Chinese organizations' activities to illustrate the issue:

United Chinese Association

According to a February 15, 2001 article on China News Service, a delegation of the European Federation of Chinese Organizations (EFCO) arrived in China in February 2001. Head of the delegation Hu Yuanshao reported to Luo Haocai, Vice Chairman of the 10th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) National Committee on EFCO's active role in suppressing Falun Gong, among other activities. According to Hu, EFCO grew from 26 organizations in 10 countries in 1992 to more than 200 organizations in more than 20 countries in 2001. [92]

June 22, 2001, Liang Guanjun, President of the United Federation of Chinese Associations—Northeast US said during a CCTV interview, "We were the first overseas organization to step forward and oppose Falun Gong. We held five anti-Falun Gong rallies. Once, we confronted with them in the street, we organized counter



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protests when they had a parade. We did an outstanding job.” [93]

The United Federation of Chinese Associations in Northeast US was formerly named “New York Federation of Chinese Associations” and was established in New York in September 1990. [94] The current name was adopted in 2003. Liang Guanjun and Chen Qingquan are both presidents of the federation. **According to the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, members of the federation did “vast amounts of work” in fighting Falun Gong” etc., “[they are] the backbone on which we rely for our work with overseas Chinese and diplomatic relations.”** [95]

Global Chinese Anti-Cult Association

The Global Chinese Anti Cult Association was founded in Madrid on October 15, 2002 with members from various Chinese organizations in Spain, and its mission is to “carry out persistent and relentless struggles against Falun Gong.” [96]

Chinese Students & Scholars Association

The Chinese Students & Scholars Association (CSSA) consists of students and scholars from Mainland China. In 2000, CSSA was present in 12 countries with 109 chapters in the US alone. [97]

Many CSSA chapters frankly reveal in their mission statement or contact information on their websites that they operate under the guidance of the Chinese Consulate or Chinese Embassy. [98] Education counselors and consuls from embassies and consulates directly control or provide “action plans” to CSSA as advisors to the organization. [99] For example, the New York University Chinese Culture Club (NYUCCC) posted a forum on its overseas website on June 8, 2007 to collect signatures to protest against the Global Classical Chinese Dance Competition held by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV), a non-profit pro-Falun Gong broadcasting station. [100] On June 17, 2007, CSSA at Columbia University published a web letter to support NYUCCC’s signature form, along with nine articles that slander and attack Falun Gong. All of the articles had links to the Chinese Embassy. [101]

Many of CSSA’s anti-Falun Gong activities were held inside Chinese consulates. For instance, CSSA members from Houston held an anti-Falun Gong forum at the Chinese Consulate in Houston in February 2001. [102] Cheng Xusen, who works for CSSA-Sunderland, wrote an article that mentioned how CSSA worked with the consulate to carry out anti-Falun Gong activities. [103] On May 26, 2007, the Education Office at the Chinese Consulate General in Houston held a discussion forum with CSSA presidents from Louisiana and Texas. The CSSA presidents from those two states reported their “achievements” in “suppressing the room for hostile force activities” to consulate officials. [104]

Chinese embassies and consulates provide funding for CSSA. Article 19 of the “Tentative Measures on Implementing Financial Responsibilities at the Education Section of Overseas Embassies and Consulates”, issued by the Ministry of Education of China states, “‘Propaganda Fund Disbursement’ is specified, whereby the Education Section of overseas embassies and consulates are required to “follow regulations and allocate funds for student social activities” each year. At the beginning of the year, the students’ associations should submit a detailed budget, and by the end of the year, actual expense reports to the Education Section.” [105]



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The detailed content of this section about the CSSA serving as the CCP overseas agents was published by WOIPFG on June 22, 2007, "Investigation Report on CSSA Acting as CCP Oversea Agent"
(<http://www.zhuichaguoji.org/en/index2.php?option=content&task=view&id=172&pop=1&page=0>)

2.4 The overseas Chinese Communist forces with "the right to vote" is forming

2.4.1 China Council for the Promotion of Peaceful National Reunification

China Council for the Promotion of Peaceful National Reunification (China Council in short) was formed on September 22, 1988 in Beijing. According to the Xinhua News Agency, the mouthpiece of the CCP, this "is a [non-government] group formed by those in favor of the peaceful reunification of China from all sectors of civil society." [106] The president's positions were held by leaders of the so-called democratic parties [107] who "have accepted the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party as pre-requisite, and have participating party status." [108] From September 27, 2004, this association was directly controlled by the CCP Central Committee. The current president is Jia Qinglin, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CCP Central Committee, and chairman of the political consultation National Committee. The vice president is Liu Yandong, the head of the United Front Work Department of the CCP Central Committee. [109] The China Council members include 60 people who are "overseas Chinese." [110] Currently there are at least 130 branches set up among overseas Chinese in over 80 countries in five continents.

The tasks and missions of the China Council overseas are clear; one is to "blend into local high-level politics", and the second is to "influence the mainstream society." [111] Below is an excerpt of internal work reports by the presidents of the China Council on how to make the international society have the same voice as the CCP:

North California Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification

Honorary President [112] Florence Fang (Fang-Li Bangqin) said, "The United States North California Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification has two big features, one is that our members have lived in the United States for a long time, and have actively participated in voting in the United States, and are familiar with local U.S. officials." [113]

San Francisco-elected U.S. Congresswoman, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others who introduced House Resolution 1077 on April 3, 2008, which calls on the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to end its crackdown in Tibet and to begin a dialogue without preconditions with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to address the legitimate grievances of the Tibetan people and provide for a long-term solution in Tibet. H. Res. 1077 also calls on the Chinese government to allow independent international monitors and journalists to access Tibet for investigation, and to release all Tibetans who are imprisoned for nonviolently opposing the Chinese government policies in Tibet. H. Res. 1077 calls on the U.S. Department of State to reconsider its decision not to include the PRC among the group of countries described as "the world's most systematic human rights violators," etc. [114] Targeting at this resolution, Li Nianci, the president of Northern California Council for Promoting a Peaceful Reunification of China, called close to 100 social group leaders to write to Pelosi's office so as to pressure Speaker Pelosi to support the CCP; otherwise, they would mobilize the voters to "speak with their votes" to affect Pelosi's reelection on November 8, 2008. [115]



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Korean-Chinese Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification

Vice president Piao Yang said, "to grow and strengthen its own power, the South Korean Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification focused on three main directions: the Korean mainstream society mainly consisting of political community, speech sector, and civic groups, the elite group among Korean businessmen, and Korea's new Chinese immigrants forces. With the promotion and participation of our association, more than 20 members of the South Korean Congress and more than 30 media officials initiated and established a China forum in the Congress. These people are very influential in South Korea's politics."

Chicago Chinese American Alliance for China's Peaceful Reunification (CAACPR)

The Chairman of CAACPR, Mr. Wang Yonggao, announced a 2007 plan to conduct a survey on Chinese-Americans' opinion on opposing Taiwan's independence and advocating the reunification between China and Taiwan. He said the survey would be conducted by a contracted professional research firm in the U.S. Mainstream America will pay attention to the statistics and thus understand Chinese-Americans' shared wish for the reunification of Taiwan and China, said Mr. Wang. Conduct a survey on the American people on what the U.S. will do if a war breaks out between Taiwan and China? Once the survey is completed, CAACPR may start lobbying on the Capitol Hill, said Mr. Wang.

Association for Promoting China-US Relations

Chairman Mr. Wang Shengwei said, "Think tanks are policy advisors to the U.S. government. They play a very important role; hence, we must pay full attention to the think tanks and we must actively reach out to them. Other than overseas Associations for China's Peaceful Reunification reaching out to Chinese communities around the world, every person and every organization must do his best in playing a diplomatic role to bridge China and his country of residence. Doing such work overseas requires an approach acceptable to the country. We must blend in and influence local mainstream society."

Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification in Central and Western Brazil

Chairman Mr. Song Nanping said, "We have a superior advantage because we have influence over the local politics at a high-level."

China's Peaceful Unification Promotion Association of Victoria, Australia

This organization was founded in March 2005. Chairman Mr. Chen Jing said, "In terms of influencing mainstream society, we just had a Chinese mayor in Victoria join our association. We even escorted him to visit China." [116]

2.4.2 The Association of Chinese Scientists and Engineers-USA (ACSE) [117]

On June 21, 2007, Mr. Yang Chunlai, Chairman of The Association of Chinese Scientists and Engineers-USA (ACSE), made a speech at the Fourth Friendship Meeting of Overseas Chinese Organizations. Yang began by



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summarizing the Chinese Communist regime's instructions on how overseas students should "make contributions to their motherland." Years ago, the Chinese Communist regime stressed the importance of overseas Chinese students returning to China to "serve the country." Years later, the instruction changed: "Returning to China isn't the only way to serve the country." Presently, the instructions are to "blend in with local mainstream society" and "actively participate in politics in your country of residence."

In an interview with a reporter from Chinaqw.com.cn, Yang Chunlai revealed that when Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Luo Haocai, led a group of representatives to the U.S. for a visit, Luo specifically asked about the current progress of Chinese blending in with mainstream society in the U.S. Luo also emphasized the importance of having Chinese "actively participate in politics," said Yang.

Yang Chunlai added, "There will be a presidential election next year (2008). Scientists, engineers, and professionals should take this opportunity to further expand ACSE's influence over mainstream society in the U.S. We have about 1500 registered members, and one-third of them have become U.S. citizens. With their network of friends and family members, we can influence an estimate of 500 voters." [118]

2.4.3 Fang-Li Bangqin's Newspaper Empire

Fang-Li Bangqin (Florence Fang, maiden name Li) was born in Hanchuan, Hubei Province, China. She moved to Taiwan in 1949. In September 1960, she immigrated to the U.S. with her husband Fang Dachuan and settled down in San Francisco, where she started working part-time. Now she owns a news empire of eleven English newspapers. She is currently president of PanAsia International Investment Ltd., honorary chairman of Northern California Association for the Promotion of China's Peaceful Reunification, and the head of her news empire.

The Rags-to-Riches History of Fang Li Bangqin's News-Media Empire

In 1979 Fang founded "Asian Week" targeting readerships of North American Asians. Eight years later, Fang purchased the community newspaper "The Independent." [119]

In 1980, Shanghai and San Francisco formed the first Sino-US Sister City. Right after the crackdown of the pro-democracy student movement by the Chinese Communist regime (Tiananmen Square Massacre), the then Shanghai Mayor Zhu Rongji visited San Francisco (1990). According to records of the United Front Work Department of CCP Zhejiang Provincial Committee: "The then San Francisco Mayor was Art Agnos; he was very rude, and he criticized China in front of Zhu. The exchange between the two cities stopped because of this. In 1991, Fang commanded her newspaper to pull an all-out effort to support candidate Frank Jordan to defeat Agnos in the election to become the new mayor. After Jordan won the election, Fang told Jordan that the time was right to renew the friendship with Shanghai. Jordan wrote a letter that was hand delivered by Fang's second son and his envoy to the then Shanghai Mayor Huang Ju. They told Huang Ju that the new mayor welcomed him to San Francisco. Later when Huang Ju visited San Francisco, he made friends with Fang." [120]

In May 1991, as a representative of San Francisco, Fang attended the National Political Leaders Conference at the White House. At that time, the U.S. Congress was debating whether to grant permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) to China. Since 1990, the U.S. Congress investigated the human rights condition in China



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while debating each year in May whether to grant PNTR status to China. This debate continued until 2000 when President Clinton decided to grant China permanent PNTR status. [121] Fang argued that “Politics and Economics should be separated from one another,” and brought the signatures of several thousand merchants and businessmen who supported granting China PNTR, and demanded that PNTR status be granted to China. [122]

In April 1992, not long after the death of her husband, Fang went on a shopping spree and purchased nine English newspapers covering 19 cities in the mid-peninsula of the San Francisco Bay Area. She merged all them into her “The Independent” newspaper organization. [123]

In 1995, the daughter of Chinese Communist Party Politburo member Huang Ju married Fang’s elder son, Fang Yiwei. Because of the close relationship to his father-in-law Huang Ju, Fang Yiwei was named the Chairman of the San Francisco-Shanghai Sister City Committee by the San Francisco Mayor in 1998. [124]

On August 26, 1998, Fang consolidated nine of the eleven newspapers that she owned (except “Asian Week” and “Chinese TV Guide”) into one unified “The Independent” operation, thus becoming the largest non-daily English newspaper conglomerate in the U.S.

In January 2000, Fang established the Northern California Chapter of the “Association for Promotion of Peaceful Reunification of China.” This organization was under total control of the CCP Central Committee. Fang claimed, “This association has a special mission – to instill our ideology into American mainstream society.” [125]

3. Chinese Communist Party’s Main Strategies in Manipulating Overseas Chinese

3.1 Enticing overseas Chinese media to becoming part of the CCP propaganda vehicle

The Chinese officials befriend owners, chief editors and column writers at overseas Chinese media and add them to their network. The officials sponsor “Advanced Classes for Overseas Chinese Media Personnel” to train reporters and key people at major Chinese media in order to turn them into Party mouthpieces that still appear to be independent media in free and democratic countries.

Guo Dongpo, then director of the Office of the Overseas Chinese Affairs at the State Council said during an interview with Shenzhen Overseas Chinese News, “Overseas propaganda works directly with Chinese living abroad, and we conduct important work based on their mentality, way of thinking and mood... We must follow China News Service (CNS) and intensify and diversify propaganda work through multiple channels including newspapers, TV, films, Internet, news and cultural centers, and form a network of systematic propaganda from the central government to local districts, from inside China to abroad.” [126]

Guo emphasized, “The Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council should use the brand of ‘International Chinese Media Forum’ to intensify communication and collaboration with overseas Chinese media, as well as increase network efforts with owners, chief editors, and column writers at these media. ‘Borrow a boat to sail in the sea’, **use their channels to spread our voice.**” [126]



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Liu Zepeng, Vice Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of State Council and Director of the China News Agency elaborated on the strategy “borrow a boat to fish in the sea” during the Second International Chinese Media Forum on September 23, 2003, and hinted at the possibility of Mainland Chinese media providing special pages for overseas media, saying, “Now, foreign media is flocking to seize the market in Mainland China, and they have achieved fruitful results,” he further tossed out the bait by saying, “Overseas Chinese media should also take advantage of this golden opportunity... Use your advantage in your country and seek business opportunities and the growth of your media while helping Mainland Chinese media reach abroad.” [127]

The National Conference for Directors of Overseas Chinese Affairs Office was held in Beijing on January 16, 2007. Li Haifeng, the current director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council hosted the conference, and former director Chen Yujie listed 2006’s achievements on behalf of the Party Group at the Office in a work report: [128]

(1) The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office held **“Advanced Classes for Overseas Chinese Media”, 44 media heads and chief editors from 25 countries participated in the training;**

(2) Around the time of the 7th Seminar of the European Association of Chinese-language Media, the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office **held intense training for more than 100 key Chinese media personnel from 14 European countries. [In the past year], China News Service and Overseas Chinese Websites kept expanding their influence abroad;**

(3) The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office worked with other **state agencies in the struggle against Falun Gong abroad.**

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3.2 Chinese Communist’s “root effort” projected to nurture and develop its power and influence overseas

Zhang Xinsheng, Vice Minister of Education said during a press conference on April 15, 2004: “Currently, there are more than 10,000 Chinese language education institutions abroad. More than one million ethnic Chinese children are receiving Chinese language classes at these institutes all over the world.” [129]

Beginning 2000, the State Council Overseas Chinese Affairs Office established 22 “Chinese language education bases” throughout China. These bases train teachers for overseas Chinese schools of all levels and types, and the teachers are then dispatched to Chinese schools in Southeast Asia including Cambodia, Burma, Laos, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, as well as USA, Canada, and Australia, among other countries. [130] A spokesperson at the State Council Overseas Chinese Affairs Office explained that these bases are an extension of overseas Chinese language education, and he encouraged office divisions on the provincial, city and district level to “earn the support and guidance from Party superiors on the same level, invest a certain amount of manpower, resources and money.”



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In September 2003, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Education, Katarina Tomasevski denounced China's injection of 2.3 percent of GDP into compulsory education as even lower than that of Uganda at one third of the internationally recommended level of 6 percent. China did not fulfill its promise in regards to education investment. [131] Despite its pitiful funding record on education, the **CCP set up more than 10,000 "Overseas Chinese Language Education Institutions" all around the world, which makes one question the Party's true intentions behind such enthusiastic devotion to overseas Chinese education, while ignoring the educational needs of its citizens in China.**

The State Council Overseas Chinese Affairs Office issued "Notice on Greatly Strengthening Chinese Language Education Among Overseas Chinese Youth and Adolescents with Foreign Citizenship" on March 28, 2001 [Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, Doc No 45, 2001], which clearly states, "**Chinese language education is a fundamental task with strategic significance among our work with overseas Chinese**", "its critical strategic importance lies in maintaining and developing an even larger friendly force abroad and nurturing a new generation of organization backbones and successors," and also, "Overseas Chinese Affairs Office on all levels of the government must keep up with overseas Chinese youth summer camps as an effective way to solidify our work with the next generation of Chinese with foreign citizenship." [132]

Zhao Yang, Vice Director of the State Council Overseas Chinese Affairs Office said during an interview with a reporter from Xinhua News Agency on January 3, 2007, that "Chinese language education abroad", which the Chinese government has always paid a great deal of attention and devoted tremendous efforts to, is a "project to maintain our roots." [133]

3.3 Make social dignitaries and luminaries the target of United Front Work

All levels of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office have collaborated with the central Office and Chinese embassies and consulates abroad to "win over" overseas Chinese with "four haves"—"have political influence, have high social status, have economic prowess, have significant achievement in a certain field".

For instance, in 2002, the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Affairs Office's main accomplishments included, "Work with overseas Chinese organizations **targeting mostly Chinese community leaders abroad**... We received 182 delegations of overseas Chinese from 32 countries and regions, totaling 1,937 people. Among them were 60 organizations, and 12 of them were received by city officials, totaling 515 people ... We also collaborated with the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office at State Council, embassies and consulates, and received six organizations that used to be pro-Taiwan, and we did well with face-to-face reform work." [134]

Wang Hongjun, director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Dalian City said that according to the 11th Five-Year Plan made by the CCP Central Committee in 2005, "we must do an outstanding job **in critical areas with key people in important community groups**," "fully utilize the medium role of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office, break geographic barriers, and obtain economic information about the international market, about Hong Kong and Macao, and about Chinese living abroad; intensify our connection with multinational corporations and Chinese-owned Fortune 500 companies; maintain regular contact with major Chinese-owned corporations, business and industrial moguls and entrepreneurs," "Our emphasis is on USA and Europe, our main work areas include Japan and Korea, and then we spread into Russia, Central and South America. Using Hong Kong and Macao as our base, we will constantly expand our work in Southeast Asia," "widely contact



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Taiwanese with foreign citizenship, maintain the consistency between State policy and flexibility, do well with reforming pro-Taiwan organizations and weaken Taiwan authority's presence and influence in overseas Chinese communities." [135]

One of the "Key Points in Xian City's Overseas Chinese Affairs Office's 2006 Work Plan" is "invite overseas 'four haves' people to visit China with government funding; promote their understanding and keep expanding the collaboration and exchange between these people and our city." [136]

To intensify its influence on key overseas Chinese in certain areas, officials from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Jilin Province utilized summer camps to exert their influence on second or third generations of overseas Chinese. For thirteen years in a row, they have used public funds to invite over three hundred students from the Chinese schools in Chongjin City in North Korea to come to Jilin for summer camps. [137]

Officials from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province related, "We have since 1998 fully understood the background of those individuals who are the targets of our city's Overseas Chinese Affairs Office. These individuals are 160 overseas Chinese from Zhengzhou who live in fifteen countries and regions. We have already established stable relationships with twelve overseas Chinese organizations or associations and forty-eight accomplished overseas Chinese individuals who have both social influence and economic powers." [138]

Zhong Guiren, chairman of the Returned Overseas Chinese Federation in Beijing's Dongcheng District is a returned overseas Chinese from Malaysia. He is also a Chinese Communist Party member and spoke of his experiences of working on reforming overseas Chinese [139] on September 26, 2006. He said, "The work in the district's Returned Overseas Chinese Federation requires much involvement with overseas Chinese. Being a worker in the area of overseas Chinese affairs, I have paid particular attentions to using my personal strong points to expand my work to overseas... I also took the pretext of visiting family members or relatives to go to New York City's Chinatown. I saw my family members there, and I also toured the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Tsung Tsin Association, and visited their leaders as well as leaders of other overseas Chinese communities. In response to their questions and doubts, I provided truthful information about the 'June 4' Incident [*i.e., the Tiananmen Square Student Massacre on June 4, 1989*], the true face of Falun Gong [*slanderous words omitted*], and the real objectives of those who advocate "Taiwan Independence" or "Tibetan Independence" and the Chinese government's policy toward these people. To a great extent, I have eliminated these overseas Chinese leaders' prejudices, which was reflected in that they had loosened their attitudes of not gaining contact with, not communicating, and not talking with officials of the Chinese consulates and embassies. Not long after my visit they began contact with the officials of our consulates and embassies. After 2001, some of the leaders, with the arrangements from the officials of the Chinese Embassy in the USA visited Beijing, Shanghai, and their hometowns in Guangdong Province. In the past, the leaders of the Chinese organizations and associations in New York City's Chinatown were all pro-Taiwan; now they have tilted toward Mainland China, and they have increasingly agreed to a peaceful reunification of China and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation." [140]

The following are two examples:

John So, mayor of Melbourne in Australia: Because he insisted on excluding the Falun Dafa Association from the city's annual Moomba Parade, on April 7, 2004, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal ordered



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him to make a public apology and also fined him \$200,000. [141] Subsequently, [for his actions against Falun Gong], he was accepted as a member of Australia's Council for the Promotion of a Peaceful Reunification of China in Victoria. [142]

On January 14, 2008, during the provisional meeting of all directors of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Offices in Fujian Province, an official from Sanming City's Overseas Chinese Affairs Office stated the following: that in recent years they have invited, in succession, Dr. Aw Xian, Chairman of the Aw Boon Haw Foundation, Lucio Tan, Chairman of Philippine Airlines, Mr. Lin Qigen, a well-known patriotic Chinese living in Japan, Tan Sri Tan Beng Tong, a philanthropist in Malaysia as well as fifty overseas Chinese organizations, such as the Italian Association of Overseas Fujian Chinese and the Bulgarian Overseas Chinese Association to visit Sanming City. These officials further declared they have already established strong ties and kept in close contact with these patriotic overseas Chinese individuals and with more than twenty overseas Chinese associations. [143]

3.4 Special funds for carrying out the United Front Work abroad

The CCP has set aside the following several kinds of special funds for carrying out the United Front Work abroad.

3.4.1 Special funds for receiving and communicating with overseas Chinese elite

According to requirements stated in documents of the United Front Work Department of the CCP's Central Committee and other regime branches, provincial finance departments issued a document that "requires each city to allocate a certain percentage of 'a special fund for carrying out the United Front Work abroad,' and for receiving and communicating with the overseas Chinese elite." [144]

"The Provisions of the Chinese Academy of Sciences regarding Management of a Non-trade Foreign Exchange Quota (Trial)," which was issued on September 27, 1990, explained the following: "political operating expenses" refer to "the amount of money used to carry out the United Front Work abroad; inviting overseas Chinese and the citizens of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, and to send personnel abroad." [145]

3.4.2 Propaganda funds for promoting the United Front

In 2003, the Beijing Department of Finance allocated a special fund of 4,120,000 yuan for the making of a propaganda film, which was to promote Beijing. An amount of 800,000 yuan was allocated, to be spent promoting "activities among overseas Chinese, for making pledges to build the Olympic stadiums." [146]

Every year, Shanghai's United Front Work Department spends over 300,000 yuan establishing the website "East Overseas Bridge" (obridge.eastday.com) for the United Front Work by relying on Shanghai's mainstream website – eastday.com. The website's main targets are Chinese living in Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, and Chinese living in other areas abroad, as well as overseas Chinese students and their family members in Shanghai. So far, this website has received 20,000,000 hits from people in over 43 countries. It has been claimed that the website has played an important role to extend the United Front Work overseas, and strengthening the area of coverage with this effort. [147]



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According to the notice “Implementation of Interim Measures regarding the Economic Responsibility System of the Education Section of the Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Mission,” issued by the Chinese Ministry of Education in 2005, “The promotion expenditures” refers to “the special subsidies and funds that are allocated, according to the stipulations, for activities of [overseas] Chinese student associations.” “At the beginning of the year, the [overseas] Chinese student associations should submit the detailed budget and plan of their activities to the Education Section, and at the end of the year report their actual expenses.” [148]

3.4.3 Overseas “Friendship Associations”

The scope of activities of the Ningbo Chinese Overseas Friendship Association (NCOFA) includes “**collecting various types of overseas information**” and “**helping overseas Chinese in their political arrangements, and recommending them for the various types of honorary positions.**” The budget of this association comes mainly from the “[Ningbo] city’s financial allocation.”

As introduced by Beijing, Zhejiang Province, and Shanghai, their annual budget allocations for the activities of overseas Chinese associations are as high as 1,000,000 yuan or more.

As of 2002, the Beijing Chinese Overseas Friendship Association has invited overseas Chinese each year to attend the CCP’s annual feasts and celebrations of its founding. This activity in itself is also associated with many other projects and friendship activities, including certain theme-related summer or winter camps for overseas Chinese teenagers, and so on. Beijing city government officials allocate over 500,000 yuan to support this activity. [149]

Officials from the Shandong Provisional Branch of China Zhigong Party, which is under the control of the Chinese Communist Party, stated they would strengthen their financial support for those government branches related to overseas Chinese affairs. Furthermore, they would list the expenses of overseas Chinese Friendship Associations in the financial budgets. This is for the purpose of support for those government branches who wish to expand their contacts and communications with the [Chinese] chambers of commerce and the Chinese Residents' Associations in Japan and Korea. [150]

3.4.4 Special funding for overseas Chinese language education (Subtle brainwashing with Communist Party cultural messages)

In 2001, the “Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council’s Notice regarding Strengthening the Work of Chinese Language Education of Overseas Chinese Teenagers” (which is called “notice” in the subsequent text) stated, “Chinese language education is a highly strategically significant, basic job, to strength the work of overseas Chinese affairs,” and “is strategically crucially important to keep and develop even stronger friendly forces for a long time in other countries. It applies to the cultivation of the next-generation core members and successors of overseas Chinese organizations.” In the meantime, “It is also a vital tool for us to compete with the Taiwan authority for overseas Chinese teenagers.” The notice requires that “The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of each province (autonomous region, municipality directly under the central government) needs to come up with concrete measures regarding Chinese language education of overseas Chinese teenagers, actively asks for the Party and government leaders' support and guidance at the same level, and invests certain human, material and financial resources into the work. [151]



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The CCP's central leadership has since 2005 increased its annual special funding by 20,000,000 yuan, to support the development of "overseas Chinese language education" [152]. Right now, Guangdong Province has allocated an annual special fund of 2,200,000 yuan for holding "overseas Chinese language education," while Yunnan Province has poured 1,800,000 yuan into that project. [153]

4. Taking Advantage of the World's Resources via its Open Door Policies

According to China Economic Times article, immediately following the Cultural Revolution in 1978, the national economy almost collapsed. The GDP was only US\$148.00, much lower than that of Pakistan at \$260, and India at \$248 then. China was one of the poorest countries in the world. [154] The CCP began to realize that it is no longer feasible to continue their forcible overseas "Revolution Export." To have a say in international business, China needed to improve its economic power.

Between December 18 and 22, 1978, the Third Plenary Session of the Eleventh Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party reiterated Mao Zedong's conclusion, that "the massive thunder storm-like mass class struggle is mostly over." [155] They made strategic changes to attract and utilize the world's resources. Immediately following, the CCP's policy toward overseas Chinese affairs changed so as to promote complete cooperation relating to economic and technological areas between Mainland China and overseas Chinese. [156]

4.1 The Biggest Overseas Financial Window of Opportunity – CITIC Group

At the end of 1978, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Ye Jianying at the time told his personnel, [157] "You want to open your door. You want to introduce foreign investment. But you are the CCP. They might not trust you. They want to see what your policy truly is. Rong Yiren has a reputation in the world market. Many of his family members live overseas. We are taking advantage of his influence in the world market. We are taking advantage of the Rong family's reputation. We need to leverage the Rong family's advantages and have him attract a part of people to come to invest and then attract more foreign investment. The Rong family's advantages are irreplaceable. No one could replace this. Neither could the CCP members. It is better for him to get this started." [158]

In October 1979, with approval and support from Deng Xiaoping, CITIC Group was established and became the biggest financial window of opportunity for China overseas. [159] Rong Yiren was CITIC's first president. In the first year since the Group was established, Rong Yiren welcomed over 4,000 guests from over 40 countries and regions. More than 3,000 person-times came to discuss doing business in China. [160]

On October 9, 1982, with recommendations from Ye Jianying and Nie Rongzhen, Xiong Xianghui, [161] took the position of CITIC Group's Party Secretary and Vice President. This individual was a renowned intelligence agent and Chinese diplomat, having engaged in many years' intelligence gathering. [162]

Two weeks after the joint announcement [163] by the Chinese government and the U. K. on Hong Kong issues, Xiong Xianghui, Vice President of CITIC Group, held a cocktail party on the afternoon of October 11, 1984 for Mi Guojun, the new president for the Hong Kong branch of CITIC Group. The event was at the Wenhua Hotel in Hong Kong. Xiong Xianghui announced that the CITIC Group has decided to expand its business in Hong



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Kong. Total asset of the CITIC Group rose from 50.7 billion yuan in 1993 to 701.4 billion yuan by the end of 2004. [164]

4.2 Making developed countries and regions more dependent on the Mainland Chinese market in order to import advanced technology and attract huge foreign investment

At present, advanced technology and patents are mostly in the hands of international corporations in developed countries. According to pertinent UN documents, along with the setting up of these trans-national corporations, their “technology and patents will also shift with them.” [165]

The 1985 national work symposium concerning affairs of overseas Chinese stressed that the work regarding overseas Chinese affairs should focus on overseas Chinese in the upper echelons in business, commerce and in the scientific sectors and those prominent in social communities.

In May 1989, the State Council meeting on overseas Chinese affairs made it clear: to attract overseas Chinese participation in Mainland China's economic development is to “attract more investment from overseas Chinese, and to import more technology and talented people.” [166]

According to pertinent documents, China's use of foreign investment has been a steadily increasing trend, from US\$3.487 billion in 1990 to 52.743 billion in 2002, and had become the country with the most direct foreign investments in the world. [167] Of the foreign investments, enterprises set up by overseas Chinese and investors from Hong Kong and Macao account for 70%, and their total investments to over 60% of the total foreign investment in China. [168] The Hong Kong business sector, represented by Li Ka-shing, is still the largest source of foreign investment into Mainland China, and the trend has become more vigorous in recent years. [169]

According to an article carried in the 2008 7th edition of the Beijing Weekly entitled “China continues to attract foreign investment,” “By the end of November 2007, over 190 countries and regions had invested in China. The number of the approved foreign investment enterprises that set up in China amounted to 630,000. Actual foreign investments amount to US\$747.1 billion; 490 out of the 500-strong corporations have set up enterprises and organizations in China, and have set up 1,160 research centers.

Regarding the Chinese Communist regime’s strategic shift from “exporting revolution” to “opening up to the outside world,” Wang Jian from the China Macro-Economy Association praised it as being “far-sighted.” Wang Jian said in his analysis, “China must obtain resources from many developing countries, to the extent that we should absorb over half of the world resources for our use in China.” “The Western countries will continuously become more and more dependent on China’s production; especially after advanced countries have shifted heavy industry capital to China on a large scale, such dependence will become even more prominent, and this will enable China to gradually gain a clearly favorable position in her diplomatic relations with advanced Western countries.” [170]

CCP considered that during this process, overseas Chinese, including Hong Kong businessmen, could play the irreplaceable middleman’s role.



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Historic Background of CCP's United Front Work

The CCP's "work on overseas Chinese" started after the Japan's war against China broke out. On December 25, 1935, the Central Committee of the CCP approved a new policy in its Politburo meeting in Wayaobao of Northern Shaanxi Province, mobilizing and organizing all revolutionary forces in the nation to fight against Chiang Kai-shek, and to take power from the Nationalist Party in the name of "the united front against Japan." [171] It also encouraged overseas Chinese capitalists to do business in the Soviet region—the area in China controlled by the CCP—in the name of the Soviet People's Republic. [172] The August 1 Declaration, and the Wayaobao Conference Resolution were considered by CCP overseas affairs officials the CCP's Declaration on Overseas Chinese. They stated for the first time that overseas Chinese were an important component of the CCP's united front or political alliance. [173] In late March 1936, the CCP held an expanded Politburo meeting in Shilou, Shaanxi Province, reaffirming its strategy of "effectively winning allies and upholding the banner of fighting the Japanese." Mao Zedong, the party chief of the CCP, explained, "It's not that we will go to Hebei Province to start a fight with the Japanese." [174] "The fundamental task for the Red Army is to create a base and preserve and expand the Red Army, and seek leadership for the CCP in the national revolutionary war." [175] In order to win foreign assistance, the CCP carried out its work on overseas Chinese in the name of "safeguarding China Alliance." [176] The specific agency that was doing it was the Eighth Route Army Office in Hong Kong, [177] which was like present-day government sponsored civil groups such as the China Overseas Exchanges Association, and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council. [178] These two organizations are doing the same work, but assume different names under different circumstances. [179] The Eighth Route Army Office in Hong Kong had the following tasks:

- (1) Intercept aid supplies the nationalist government had secured and reroute them to the communist bases;
- (2) Escort overseas Chinese-turned communists and students who had been trained by the CCP to go abroad to do overseas Chinese work;
- (3) Solicit donations for the fight against the Japanese;
- (4) Create Chinese language newspapers, news agencies, and book stores abroad for propaganda purposes, including fabricating false images that the CCP was actively fighting the Japanese; and
- (5) Recruit technical talents from abroad for the CCP's army.

In early 1942, the Central Committee of the CCP expanded its leading group for overseas work into the Committee on Overseas Work, with Zhu De as its Party chief. The primary tasks of the Committee were: develop a strategy for an international united front; plan on training cadres for overseas Chinese affairs, who would be sent abroad to carry out the united front work for the CCP, focusing especially on investigating and studying the situation of overseas Chinese and overseas Chinese policies in various places around the world; and lay groundwork for long term work on a united front. [180]

After the communists took power in China in October 1949, Zhou Enlai, China's then premier and foreign minister, was responsible for overseas Chinese affairs. [181] A committee on overseas Chinese affairs was established under China's State Council, with He Xiangning, the widow of senior nationalist, Liao Zhongkai, as its director. [182] At the time, the committee's primary task was to set up publicity agencies such as China News Agency.

In May 1966, Mao Zedong launched the Cultural Revolution in China. [183] In 1969, China's foreign ministry



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took over the responsibility of overseas Chinese affairs. [184] The Central Committee of the CCP decided that promoting Mao's ideals and letting the world know about the Cultural Revolution were at the top of Chinese embassies' agenda. [185]

In 1976, the frenzy of the Cultural Revolution began to cool down and in January 1978, the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs under the State Council was established. [186] Liao Chengzhi, the son of He Xiangning, became the director of the Office and its Party chief. [187] The Office was to carry out its work overseas in collaboration with the Department Consular Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, and the two were complementary to each other. [11] Offices for overseas Chinese affairs at the prefecture level were brought under the authority of the United Front Work Department, [188] and that management system remains functioning even today.

Following the Tiananmen Square Massacre in 1989, the CCP's strategy to form a global united front sustained a heavy blow. The CCP had to consider adjusting its policy for its international image. Thus, offices and departments on overseas Chinese affairs at various levels focused their attention on "stepping up propaganda efforts abroad and clearing up doubts and confusions." [189]

On July 20, 1999, the CCP's top leader, Jiang Zemin, ordered the persecution of Falun Gong, a meditation group. The CCP's institutions on overseas Chinese affairs and party organizations at various levels immediately echoed that they "resolutely support the CCP's policy against Falun Gong," and "keep in line with the CCP both in thought and in action." [190] For eight years, the Chinese embassies, consulates, offices for overseas Chinese affairs, China Zhigong Party (one of the eight "democratic parties" [191] under the leadership of the CCP; its main task is to work on overseas Chinese, and it is part of CCP's five categories of overseas Chinese affairs organizations at central level [192]), and various agencies on overseas Chinese affairs under China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese did everything they could to be actively involved in the persecution. They held a variety of events, such as press conferences, seminars, and workshops to spread lies and slanders against Falun Gong, and incite public hatred toward Falun Gong amongst people who did not know the facts, in an attempt to create a favorable international environment for the CCP and to pave way for the CCP to sustain the persecution and export it overseas.

Conclusion

While finishing this report, several successive incidents occurred, such as the suppression of the peaceful protest of the Tibetan monks by the Chinese military, concern about human rights in China by people and NGOs worldwide through protests of the Beijing Olympics Torch, attempts to boycott French chain store Carrefour by some Chinese, as well as protests of CNN by some overseas Chinese. Through these incidents, the tactics and actions of overseas Chinese associations, organizations, organized student activities controlled by the Chinese Communist were exposed and received close attention from the international community. During the past 9 years, one of the main purposes of infiltrating and controlling overseas Chinese communities and students was to carry out the persecution policy overseas against Falun Gong as orchestrated by the CCP. The World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) had been tracking and investigating such activities for quite some time and published several related reports. It is unprecedented both in scale and in penetration that a political party would be using national resources and assets to closely control its overseas immigrants and students as a piece of the party's global strategy. Due to damage and threats to the country and residing Chinese immigrants caused by the infiltration of the CCP, by this report WOIPFG wishes



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to raise the concern and alarm of respective organizations and Chinese immigrant communities.

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propaganda materials. This is a major effort. We must train and plant a group of individuals, a group of leaders. The CCP Central Committee specifically emphasized, "It is the whole Party's mission to carry out the work of overseas Chinese affairs." "Every comrade within our Party must recognize that whether they are fully aligned with the CCP Central Committee both politically and ideologically. Such alliance is measured by whether they pay attention to the overseas Chinese affairs or not, whether they can correctly execute the Party's policy on overseas Chinese affairs." <http://www.czzx.gov.cn/Article/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=874>

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