

Charles Lee, M.D.

Dr. Charles Lee, a U.S. citizen, was born in Mainland China in 1965. Dr. Lee received his medical education in China and came to the U.S. to study neuroscience. He received a Master in Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1994. In 1995, Dr. Lee moved to Boston to conduct medical research at the Harvard Medical School and passed the U.S. medical board exams.

In 1999 when the communist regime began its campaign of persecution against Falun Gong, a peaceful Chinese meditation practice, Dr. Lee set out to counter the lies and defamation being disseminated by the regime's propaganda apparatus. During one attempt to do so in China in January 2003, he was arrested and sentenced to three years in prison.

While in prison, the communist regime used both physical and mental torture to pressure Dr. Lee to renounce his faith. He went on hunger strike several times in protest, and the prison authorities retaliated by violently force-feeding him. Dr. Lee refused to cooperate. After his release from prison in January 2006, Dr. Lee returned to the U.S.

Since then, Dr. Lee has been actively involved in exposing Beijing's persecution of Falun Gong and sharing with the public what he has personally experienced in a communist jail as a prisoner of conscience. His story was recently featured in the documentary film, "Free China – The Courage to Believe" (<http://freechina.ntdtv.org/trailer/>). In recent years, Dr. Lee has been an active member of both the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (<http://www.upholdjustice.org/>) and the Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party (<http://en.tuidang.org/home>), both are New York-based NGOs. Dr. Lee has testified at U.S. Congress, and spoken at various forums, press events, and panels on rights issues in China.