

Letter from Wu Zeheng to President Jiang Zemin, Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, and Chinese Community Party of Central Committee
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I might be in jail before I can finish and mail this letter. While grasping a glimmer of hope, I pray for the mercy of Buddha. I am not concerned for my own safety, but rather for the fate of our great China and the well-being of her people. Thus, I plead sincerely you finish reading this letter.

My name is Wu Zeheng. I am the founder and honorary chairman of the Life Science Society of China and the board chairman of the Beijing Huazang Consultation Center. Guided by my respectful teacher, I have followed the laws of Buddha since I was seven and have studied Buddhism and its history since that time. The tenets and philosophy of Buddhism, such as consciousness, understanding other people, and retrospect of one's own behavior are deeply embedded in me. I have always hoped to serve my country and her people. Rather than my life being taken by idle pursuits, I seek to devote my time to the achievement of a peaceful nation and improving the standard of living of the people. Inspired by this motivation, I accepted an invitation to go to Beijing in June 1990, to treat Marshal Xu Xiangqian, who was severely ill. To my pleasure, the therapeutic effects were remarkable. I then was invited by the Chinese Qigong Science Research Society to give a lecture at Tsinghua University. The effectiveness of my treatment, examined multiple times in September 1990 by General Zhang Zhenhuan and other specialists, induced the Chinese Qigong Science Research Society to place me in charge of the scientific clinical experiments involving the migration of cancer cells, infantile paralysis, and common diseases of the digestive system. I went to Pi county of Jiangsu Province (now Pizhou City) to perform laboratory tests. The dramatic effects of my therapy resulted in Huazang Mind Dharma, previously founded by me, to be approved as the only scientific research of Qigong in the country at the time and to Qigong becoming popular at major universities and institutes.

Because morally corrupt individuals dominated the Chinese Qigong Society at the time, including certain charlatans with designs on taking advantage of to amass wealth, and because the leaders of the Society were bureaucrats who barely knew anything about proper business practices, I became concerned about the state of the organization's affairs. To alleviate such concerns, on multiple occasions, I proposed various reforms to the leaders. However, despite my efforts, I could not persuade the Society to consider any of my suggestions. Seeing no alternative, on July 30th, an article submitted by me for publication in the *Traditional Chinese Medicine*, entitled "Qigong – An Oriental Treasure – In Danger," identified the crises facing the Qigong Society. Soon afterwards, not wanting to be associated with certain Qigong masters, I resigned my post with the Chinese Qigong Science Research Society and established the "China Life Science Society".

At that time, with only seven dimes in my possession, I traveled to many places to propagate the Buddhism, giving lectures, and treating patients. In those days, I ate only a bread with water and walk more than 50 km just to save money. I also sold newspapers in Beijing train stations and slept on the road. I did all I could to save money so that I could buy meals and presents for government bureaucrats, expecting that my effort to establish a non-profit academic institution would be approved. My ultimate objectives were to avoid a Qigong Society hampered by unprofessionalism, factionization, and superstitionization, which, if perceived by the people as being deceptive or otherwise harmful to the government's reputation could bring about new destabilizing forces. By doing so, I hope that scientists

can research, manage, and promote Qigong, placing the discipline on a path to becoming a healthy science. Despite having experienced countless difficulties from all aspects of life, with my indomitable spirit and conscience as a Buddhist, I gained the support of more than 500 scientists.

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After the establishment of the China Life Science Society, I made the Preparation Committee a gift of 840,000 RMB and surrendered control of the Society to the government and certain famous scientists. I did this for the purpose of showing the purity of my motives and to establish that the Society shall neither be for the pursuit of fame nor power.

Since the 1990s, I have taught theories of Huazang Mind Dharma in colleges and institutes throughout the country and helped people by treating their illness. While taking that mission, I devoted considerable time and effort establishing the theory of "Harmonious Unification" and summarizing the principles of life consciousness, perfection of character, and standardizing of actions, exhorting the people to bring benefit and prosperity to the nation by sharing her troubles and concerns and perfecting their conduct. The desire effects are obvious to all, which the concerned governmental departments can verify through any life science society in the country or any student of Huazang Mind Drama. You will see I have been encouraging them to educate themselves, be confident, share the worries of the homeland, bring benefit to the nation, and maintain peace in the society.

I pursue the course I do, understanding that the bureaucratic ideology that dominates governmental action in China is causing more and more discontent among the people, as citizen are denied the right to be heard, and inevitably will lease to conflict between the people and the government. If an appropriate solution is not found, one day the government will collapse. As the Chinese proverb warns: " Miles of levees can be destroyed by a small hole." Blood and tears have filled Chinese history for five thousand years. Any descendent of China, wanting peace, development, ad prosperity for the nation, does not want to see his own country trapped in tribulation. The current belief crisis of the entire people is very disconcerting. Among the people I know, including some high-ranking officials, everyone is dissatisfied

with the society. Forced and formalized political indoctrination, because of the discontent among the people, is not effective and may be having adverse impact. If an alternative general philosophy of life, having neither the character of Party discipline nor official doctrine, can be adopted to guide the people to perfect personality, standardize actions, enlighten up life, and find the meaning and goal of their lives. They will thus abandon the selfishness and give priority to serving the country and people. This in turn, will help implementation the Party's policies, laws and orders.

My hard work the past ten years has influenced people everywhere. The societal gains from improving life awareness, decreasing the crime rate and maintaining mental and physical health are dramatic. This conclusion can be verified by taking evidence from any Huazang Mind Dharma student or from my published books: Thinking of Life, Life Science and the Twenty-first Century, Mind Discussion, Huazang Mind Dharma, and Chan Clock.

My dreams and aspirations to serve my country and her people led me to submit a proposal No.20th of last year to Chinese Community Party Central Committee, the State Council, President Jiang Zemin and Minister Zhu Rongji. Right after doing so, the Beijing Huazang Consultation Center was under almost constant security by the National Security Department and the Public Security Department. Several leaders of the Beijing Consultation Center were questioned by officials from the institutions previously mentioned, who being very thorough in their investigation, repeatedly inquired all aspects of the business operations and the so-called political purpose of the Huazang Consultation Center. We had no choice but answered the same questions over and over. The closing sentence of my proposal may come true: "Throughout the Chinese history, most of civilians who commented on politics did not have peaceful endings". Confronting with this ending, I remain inspired by a verse from a poem: "Fear not death, my body and mind are embedded in the mountains and rivers."

In the view of the alerts and warnings from National Security Department and Public Security Department, to avoid their misunderstanding that Huazang Center may have other secrets or political motivations, to be responsible for all students and friends and for survival, I had to initiate the establishment of "Huazang Enterprises Co., Ltd." and regarded serving the society as the direction of development for the company. Meanwhile, we took the natural initiation pattern to prepare and construct a stock company. In the company preparation meeting, I made clear the purpose from the very beginning that our company is going to be devoted to support-the-poor project investment of the remote depressed areas, and to generating employment opportunities for the unemployed. These directions should be the major developmental orientation, while concentrating on development of high-tech and new science and technology. If doing so can avoid arousing suspicion by transferring the culture and consultation business of the Huazang Consultation Center into the enterprise entity, the people and the country will be benefited in the following aspects:

1. Development of market and human resources in remote and depressed areas and effectively using their raw materials and production resources would provide employment opportunities for the populations in depressed areas, and bring about economic income because of production development. Since then, we will improve their living environment and even help them become rich, which will definitely be helpful for the support-the-poor policy of the country.

2. Having certain achievements and experiences, our enterprise will initiate and encourage the involvement of other enterprises in this kind of projects. If possible, we will establish a support-the-poor foundation, with all the income and contribution being used in support-the-poor projects.
3. Pioneer and encourage the ethos to help each other and become rich together. Any social problems could not be completely solved by policies and the government merely. Forming the ideology of common fate, unification and helping each other for the whole society will solve various social problems completely.
4. Our enterprise is the first one established by all natural initiators in China. If this mode is working, the government may encourage concentrating the free social capital for development through legislation, promoting the reproduction of the resources. That is to encourage concentrating individual's limited capital, and consign a trustable person to invest and manage, the government supervising through legislature. This pattern will provide a balance platform for the current resource monopoly by groups, and the unbalanced values of labor and capital, avoiding the extreme disparity between the poor and the rich and increase of the unemployment population which would result in imbalance of the society. The nongovernmental business will definitely dominate in the 21st century's market economy. Thus this pattern is worthwhile to explore.

My original intention of initiating the establishment of a stock company is described as above.

During the intense preparation of the company, the Tai-yuan of Shanxi Province, Fu-shun of Liaoning Province, Tian-chan of Jiangsu Province involved in initiating the Huazang Enterprises Co., Ltd. has been sealed up on governmental orders by the local Public Security Department. Three members of the preparation committee have been put into detention on June 20th and June 29th, 1999, respectively. The reasons of detention are illegal fund raising and stock issuing. During the sealing and detention periods, the local initiators jointly signed and delivered the proposal to their provincial and city cadres, demonstrating that every one of them was willing to contribute shares as an initiator to establish the company. There were no illegal fund raising and stock issuing. The money paid for shares was all deposited into the account of "Huazang Enterprises Co., Ltd. (Prep)" with the Beijing Guang-da bank located in Chao Yang District. All the money paid for the shares will be used as the registration seed capital of the company. Meanwhile, the Huazang Enterprises Co., Ltd passed the title examination by the General Industrial and Commercial Bureau on June 29th.

When we (the preparation committee of the Huazang Enterprises., Ltd.) knew the conditions happened in areas mentioned above, we attempted by all means to explain the situation to local police, and plead for verification of the real conditions and release of detained members of the preparation committee. The first branch of Beijing Public Security Bureau froze the account of the "Huazang Enterprises ., Ltd (prep)" with the Guang-da Bank, and all the money paid for shares from more than a thousand families with a total amount of 19,000,000 RMB.

Therefore, this is not only a problem of the law enforcement in some aspects. The involvement of Beijing Public Security Bureau indicates that the jurisdiction of our country may have problems too. Was it wrong that the Company Law of our country has problems? Was it wrong that we initiated a stock company? Or

is there any fabricated problem? No legal evidence could be found in the operation of the government actions. This is not a trivial issue, and it involves the survival space of the people, the economical policies of the country, laws and regulations of the company and justice. I hereby sincerely hope Mr. President Jiang Zemin and Minister Zhu Rongji of Chinese Community Party Central Committee should discriminate between the right from wrong.

Now that these things have happened, no matter it was right or wrong, I only hope you departments concerned will close this "case" as soon as possible, so that the retained members of the preparation committee do not stay in the prison any longer. All, if any, the faults belong to me. They are innocent and just implicated by me. I am willing to take full responsibilities.

If this letter can be delivered, I am not concerning my personal life or death. I sincerely hope organizations concerned can publicize what I and Huazang have done now or at a time they think appropriate without any fabrication, so that I will not be harshly denounced by the people. This is my only wish!

Respectfully,

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