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Presentation & Discussion Series

**The “United Front Works Department” of the CCP
Infiltration in the U.S., Taiwan, Japan, So. Korea & Beyond**

Presenter - Lei of Lei’s Real Talk

Respondent - Gerry Willis, International Freedom Alliance

TODAY @ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM

Co-Hosted With



Dr. Frank Kaufman, Director

(Registration Required)

- Speaker -

Lei

of “Lei’s Real Talk”

Leading Internet Analyst of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)

Host of YouTube Channel: *Lei’s Real Talk*

”The WISDOM to Know...The COURAGE to Tell”



**Lei’s
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Dear Gary,

A significant escalation in state-driven legal actions against minority religious organizations is unfolding in Japan and South Korea. While these measures have raised concern among international human-rights advocates and legal scholars, they have been publicly supported by China's state-affiliated Anti-Xie-Jiao Association in Beijing.

In March 2025, Japan's Tokyo District Court ordered the dissolution of the Family Federation of Japan, revoking its religious-corporate status following investigations linked to the 2022 assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. In December 2025, South Korean President Lee Jae-myung announced a series of investigations into religious organizations' alleged improper political ties, openly raising the possibility of further legal sanctions or dissolution.

These developments followed "anti-cult" conferences held at a Japanese university in December 2024 and at Mokwon University in Daejeon in mid-2025. Participants included Chinese scholars associated with the China Anti-Xie-Jiao Association, along with pro-PRC Japanese and South Korean academics critical of minority religious movements.

In the political sphere, comparable influence efforts were reported during Taiwan's 2024 national elections, where the Chinese Communist Party's United Front Work Department (UFWD) allegedly pursued multi-layered outreach and influence activities aimed at shaping the political environment.

The *United Front Works Department* (UFWD) functions as a key CCP organ focused on overseas influence, elite engagement, and political persuasion. Our featured speaker, Lei, host of "Lei's Real Talk," will examine how these strategies are evolving across East Asia—and their potential implications beyond the region.

We invite you to join us this evening for this timely and substantive Zoom discussion.

Sincerely,

James B. Edgerly

Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)

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Presenter



Lei's Real Talk

Lei

Lei grew up in China and thus has expertise in life under a totalitarian government, as well as in finance and economics. She brings a unique perspective to analyzing and interpreting geopolitics with particular focus on China, Sino-US relations and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Being bilingual gives Lei a distinct advantage in accurately interpreting events in China based on native knowledge and extensive local sources.

Lei came to the United States as a foreign student and graduated cum laude from Wellesley College with a degree in architecture. Her motto: "Wisdom stems from gentle eyes, and courage is born from selflessness."

Lei livestreams at least two programs every week providing up-to-date information and interpretation on events in China.. The *Lei's Real Talk* YouTube channel has over 400,000 subscribers and over 1,000 posts. Her posts have a total of 85 million views.

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Respondent

Gerry Willis

Senior Advisor, International Freedom Alliance

Gerry Willis recently returned to the U.S. after 32 years living and working throughout Asia as a lawyer, business leader, and investor. He served as an executive in four U.S. Fortune 100 corporations and as an attorney in New York's Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. He is currently the chairman of a business group with interests in property, food, entertainment, and communications. Gerry previously served as managing director for a nonprofit organization

focused on foreign policy and East-West affairs. He has a BA in International Relations from Brown University, an MA from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, and a JD from New York University School of Law.

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