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Kim Campbell emphasized one major point in front of a packed theatre in Telus Centre leadership is taught.

Campbell—who was appointed in April as the founding principal of the University of Alberta’s upcoming Peter Lougheed Leadership College—shared her views and outlook on leadership education and the importance leadership has in providing solutions to global challenges at a free public lecture on Thursday, Oct. 9.

“All leaders have been taught,” she said. “Leadership is taught. It can be taught. It should be taught—and in this new initiative, it will be taught.”

She said some leaders may be born with certain gifts and talents, but stressed that everyone arrives at their young adulthood with a highly complex and sophisticated set of understandings of the world. Instead of looking at whether leadership can be taught, she said that it’s more important to ask how leaders are taught, and whether they are taught what they need to know.

“Students are not blank slates,” Campbell said. “When they arrive at the university they have learned from many influences throughout their lives.”

Campbell highlighted how family, social influences, knowledge, experiences such as work, sports, travel, personality traits and characteristics, may all contribute to an individual’s leadership capacity. But she said leadership isn’t an academic discipline, but instead an organizing principle for interdisciplinary studies.

Diversity and experiential learning are key aspects in the development of the Leadership College, she said.

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China’s Communist Regime Harvests Organs For Profit

In 2006, allegations surfaced that the regime was killing Falun Gong practitioners for their organs to be sold for profit. Over 41,500 organ transplants done by regime-run hospitals for the six-year period 2000 to 2006 could not be verified.

“We believe that there has been and continues today to be large scale organ transplants from unwell Falun Gong practitioners.”

Former MP David Kilgour (left) and respected human rights lawyer David Matas (right) attend a press conference, in Ottawa, July 6, 2006, to release their investigation report “Bloody Harvest” on organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners. (Chin-Zhu / The Epoch Times)


What is Falun Dafa (Falun Gong)?

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a traditional Chinese self-cultivation practice that improves mental and physical well-being by enhancing one’s heart-mind nature (shen) through easy-to-learn exercises, meditation and teachings. The practice is based on the universal principles of Truth, Tolerance, Compassion and Forbearance. Falun Dafa is freely practiced in more than 100 countries worldwide. Millions of practitioners have reported dramatic improvement in health with enhanced spiritual awareness.

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