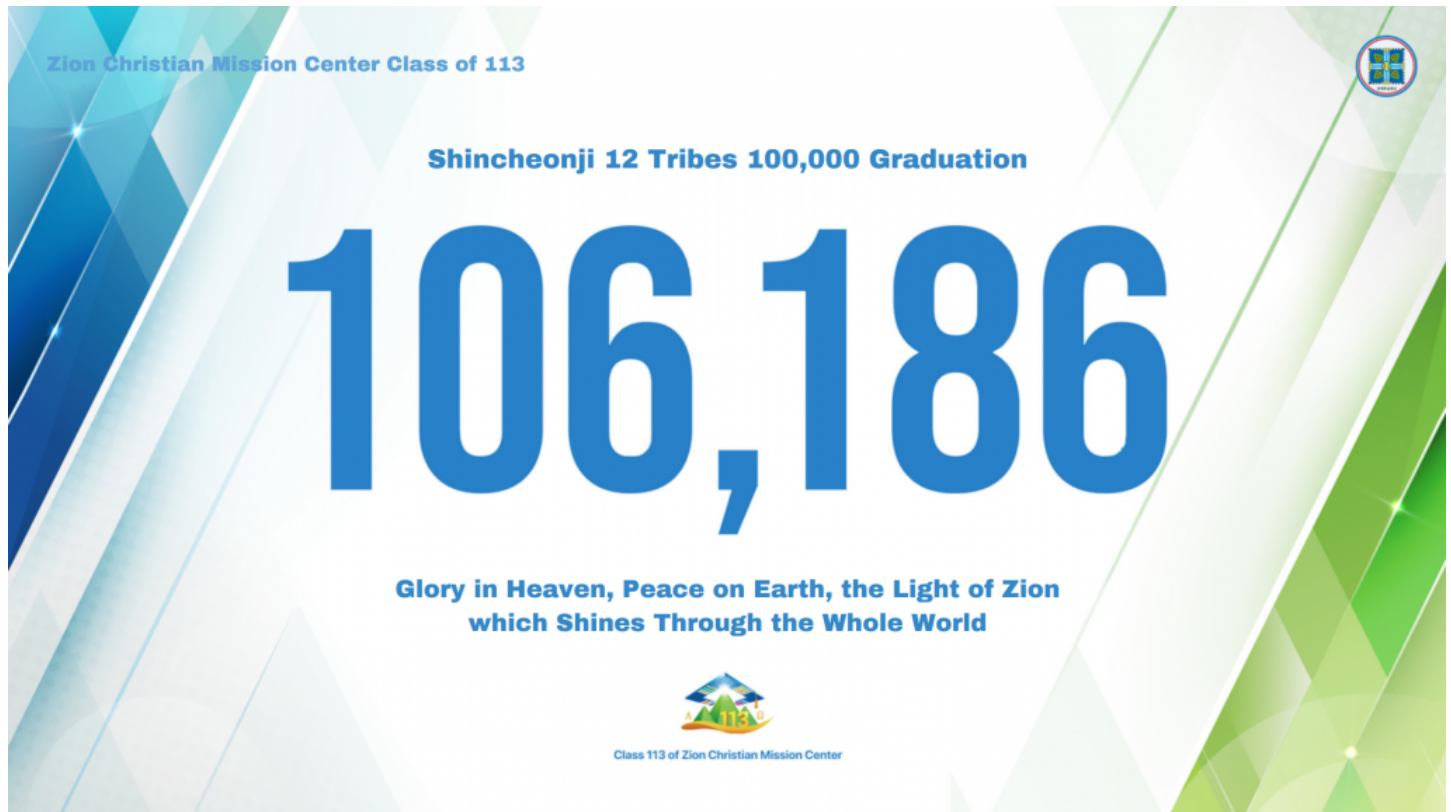


Zion Christian Mission Center Largest Graduation Yet



Melbourne, Victoria Nov 23, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Zion Christian Mission Center, a Bible education institution of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus, held a class of 113 graduations at Daegu Stadium, South Korea on the 20th of November. A total of 106,186 people will graduate on this day, making it the world's largest theological education institution.

The completion ceremony was prepared thoroughly to prevent safety issues as it is highly concern recently. The Shincheonji Church of Jesus said, "For preparing this event, safety is the first, second and third.", "We will create a cooperative network with local governments to check disinfection, safety, traffic, and order several times and operate a control room for monitoring the event with police, fire departments, Daegu-si, and Suseong-gu Office safety officials."

For safety reasons, the number of people participating in the completion ceremony in Korea will be limited to 80,000. About 300,000 people in total (Online or offline) will participate in the completion ceremony on YouTube live broadcasts in nine languages.

In addition, "the church itself allocated a total of 14,000 safety personnel to maintain order inside and outside the venue, and made participants enter and leave the event venue over four hours to prevent overcrowding," he said. "About 180 medical staff and four ambulances are also on standby in case of an accident." Emergency rescue training was conducted for all safety personnel, and all graduates also completed emergency rescue videos. "We emphasize that this completion ceremony was especially safety-oriented," he explained.

The event consists of an opening ceremony and the completion ceremony. The first part started with

praise services, congratulatory speeches, congratulatory messages, and representative prayers, and concluded with commemorative speeches of Chairman Man-Hee Lee. The second part will include a congratulatory performance, a congratulatory speech by Tan Young-jin, the head of the Zion Christian Mission Center, a certificate of completion, a tassel turning, an award ceremony, testimony from graduates, and a special performance.

Among the class 113 graduates, a total of 522 pastors, including 37 in Korea and 485 overseas, will graduate from the program. This proportion of pastors has increased significantly compared to other years. In this background, it is closely related to the creation of an online class environment due to COVID-19. As an environment where students can take classes without being aware of others was created, the number of pastors and seminaries increased rapidly. The two representatives of the graduates who announced their acceptance speech on this day were also pastors.

The fact that pastors who joined the introductory, intermediate course including Revelation (Advanced), were able to participate in education online without being aware of other people during the COVID-19 pandemic is the background of the increase in the number of pastors.

Heo Jung-Wook, who shared the testimony as a representative of a Korean graduate at the completion ceremony, is a current pastor who has been a pastor for a decade. After 20 years of ministry, he said, "I only learned traditional theology in seminary, but I didn't know much about Revelation. Except for difficult words, he has taught only easy words to convey to the saints. I repent that I was a sinner who added and subtracted from the word of God," he said. "I put down all my possessions and came forward to the truth." I learned true theology that leads me to heaven, not to study mankind. "I thank God for giving me a chance to live," he said.

D. Jackson, a representative of overseas graduates, is also an Indian pastor who changed the name of his seminary to the Hepto Zion Christian Mission Center after signing an MOU with Shincheonji. He also joined the online Bible class at the Shincheonji Church in October last year. Currently, 294 members of the church, including the pastor in charge of the two churches, have completed the entire course of the Zion Christian Mission Center and are listed as the class 113 graduates.

Meanwhile, the Shincheonji Church of Jesus focused on contributing to the revitalization of the local economy and coexisting with local residents by holding the first large-scale face-to-face event in Daegu since the COVID-19 pandemic. All possible consumption activities, such as transportation, accommodation, and meals for 100,000 people, were made in the region to help local residents.

After the Itaewon disaster, there was consideration to proceed with the event or postpone it, but rather than abandoning it, the win-win opportunity in consideration of the contract situation with local companies, it is decided to do the event focused on safety as much as possible based on the know-how of hosting large-scale domestic and foreign events.



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