

How Religious Bias Led to the Cancellation of an International Event



Chicago, Illinois Nov 19, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Gyeonggi Province and Gyeonggi Tourism Organization apologized for canceling the 'Religious Leaders Forum and Graduation Ceremony' scheduled for October 30 at Paju Imjingak Peace Nuri on the 29th, the day of the event, but reiterated their previous position that it was due to security reasons.

Shincheonji Church of Jesus held a '[Resolution Rally](#) to Condemn Biased Religious Suppression' in front of the Gyeonggi Province Office at noon on the 15th, delivered a letter of protest to the Gyeonggi Province Office, and had a meeting. The meeting was attended by the General Assembly External Affairs Director of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus, the Director of the Culture and Sports Bureau of the Gyeonggi Provincial Government, and the Director of the Planning and Coordination Office of the Gyeonggi Tourism Organization.

After the meeting, General Assembly External Affairs Director Song Jae-woong explained the contents of the meeting in front of the lobby on the first floor, saying, "It was an urgent measure by Gyeonggi Province and the Tourism Organization to ensure the safety of residents, but regarding the sudden cancellation on the same day, we apologize for informing you so urgently."

He continued, "We told him that we wanted to hear the responsible position of Gyeonggi Province Governor Kim Dong-yeon, but he did not respond to that."

Regarding future plans, the General Assembly External Affairs Director explained, "The unfair decision to cancel the venue on the same day was ordered by Gyeonggi Province Governor Kim Dong-yeon, so if he does not apologize and show a responsible position, [we will continue to hold protest rallies.](#)"

Regarding this, a Shincheonji Church of Jesus official said, “Who in the Republic of Korea does not agree with the threat to national security? He emphasized, “Shincheonji Church of Jesus members are also citizens of the Republic of Korea,” and “However, it is not understandable that they confirmed with each other through numerous meetings and the rental side said they were not considering cancellation until the day before, but then suddenly cancelled it on the morning of the same day at the direction of Gyeonggi Province.”

He then condemned, “Governor Kim Dong-yeon decided to cancel the rental after the Seoul Metropolitan Christian Council (SCC) held a rally. We cannot help but think of this as Governor Kim Dong-yeon’s religious bias and biased religious oppression. Why is the decision-maker himself not providing any explanation about this?”

At the ‘Resolution Conference to Denounce Biased Religious Oppression’ held the previous day, he said, “[Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution](#) states that all citizens have freedom of religion, and Paragraph 2 states that no state religion is recognized and that religion and politics are separated,” and “Gyeonggi Province and Gyeonggi Tourism Organization have joined forces with SCC to perpetrate biased religious oppression against Shincheonji Church of Jesus. This is a violation of the Constitution and is clearly illegal. He condemned, “The administrator who should be administering according to law and principles has violated the Constitution.”

Shincheonji Church of Jesus plans to continue holding relay rallies in front of the Gyeonggi Provincial Office and Gyeonggi Tourism Organization until Governor Kim and Gyeonggi Tourism Organization express their responsible position, apologize, and compensate for the damages suffered by Shincheonji Church of Jesus.

To View the Rally against Religious

Bias: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ky-x-vA7uW8?si=YJAFahcu48U8QLL3>



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