

The Sunchang Religious Council visits the Holy Ground Religious leaders from Buddhism Catholicism, and Confucianism

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Members of the Sunchang Religious Council, headquartered in North Jeolla Province, visited the Chung Pyung Holy Ground on October 28.

The members of the Council, accompanied by Secretary-General In Jin Gwon, had the opportunity to participate in touring the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center, the CheongShim Peace World Center, and the CheongShim International Medical Center, as well as other major facilities in the area.

Association members enjoyed lunch in the dining hall of the Cheongseong Wanglim Palace (Heavenly Palace), took commemorative photographs in front of the Tree of Love and the Jeongshim Won (Prayer Hall), and exerted themselves in climbing to

the Tree of Blessing. In such a manner they could share somewhat in the experience of the daily routine followed by the individuals who take part in training at the Chung Pyung Training Center.

Secretary-General In Jin Gwon offered an introduction to the Chung Pyung Holy Ground, saying that 'Rev. Sun Myung Moon, since the late 1960s, offered his sincere Jeongseong in order to meditated for many hours here at the Holy Ground of the World Peace Family Federation. Equipped with the natural conditions of the blessing, and offering meditation and pray, this Chung Pyung is the perfect environment in which to discipline one's mind and body.' He added, saying 'the Chung Pyung Holy Ground also includes the Global Training Center and the international educational institutions which together can accommodate more than 10,000 people. The Chung Pyung Holy Ground is also equipped with state-of-the-art medical and welfare facilities. The vision of Rev. Moon, which includes the construction of embodying comprehensively the cultures of each country of the world, is being achieved step by step.'

The association members testified, saying that 'the Jeongseong and love of Rev. Sun Myung Moon reverberate throughout the Chung Pyung Holy Ground, contributing to world peace. It was a great honor and privilege for us to have the opportunity to visit the Chung Pyung Holy Ground, which is the heart-felt center of the faith of the Family Federation. Furthermore, they expressed their deep desire, saying 'we definitely want to tour the Cheong Jeong Gung Museum, next time we have the opportunity to visit Chung Pyung.' 'We have heard of the lifetime achievements of Rev. Sun Myung Moon as well, and we hope to gain some experience of the spiritual inheritance which remains even after his passing.'

The members of the Sunchang Religious Council include Mr. Cheon Sa Gang, a Buddhist monk, Father Sang Yong I, from the Sunchang Catholic Cathedral, Mr. Byeong Mun Gang, the Deputy-Director of the Gyung Wan Song (the National Confucian Academy), Se Cheon Go, Director of General Affairs of the Sunchang Buddhist sect, and Mr. Gyeong Woo Gang, President of the Sunchang Church of the Family Federation. Once each month, they participate together in taking a pilgrimage of the Holy Grounds of each of the religions, thereby seeking to promote harmony and cooperation between the religions.

The Sunchang Religious Council's schedule has included a visit to the Buddhist Seon Un Sa at the beginning of April, Gang Cheon Sa, in Sunchang, in May, the Confucian Jangseong Pilam Seowon in June, the Jeonju Cathedral and Holy Ground in July, and the Iksan Holy Ground of Buddhism in September. Upon their visit to the Chung Pyung Holy Ground of the Family Federation in October, and taking account of the considerable original value exhibited by all the holy sites they have visited, it was felt to be a meaningful time to re-discover the real possibility of religion federation, harmony and cooperation.