

We have received various opinions from many people about the assembly hall and related structures illegally constructed in the Shimoakasaka area of Kawagoe City. We would like to once again set out the City's response and position.

1. Request from Kawagoe City

Kawagoe City is asking the landowner of the assembly hall and related structures and those involved to rectify the current situation, which violates the City Planning Act. The reason we are calling for the demolition of the buildings has nothing to do with nationality or religion.

To those of you concerned about this matter, please review the factual information below and make a calm, measured judgment.

2. Regarding the violation of the City Planning Act

In urbanization-control areas under the City Planning Act, construction of buildings is not permitted in order to preserve the orderly development of the community.

Land on which the assembly hall and related structures was built is located in an urbanization-control area, and therefore the construction constitutes a violation of the City Planning Act.

Kawagoe City cannot permit construction or use of buildings that violate the City Planning Act.

Accordingly, since becoming aware that construction work was taking place, the City has carefully explained to the landowner and related parties that the facts regarding the violation of city planning act and has requested corrective action.

Kawagoe City will continue to respond strictly in accordance with the law until the situation that violates the City Planning Act is remedied.