

Tokyo's autumn tradition and large tea ceremony event welcomes everyone to  
**Tokyo 150 years Program Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018**  
Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, October 13 & 14  
Hama-rikyu Gardens, October 20 & 21

Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) will hold Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018 at two renowned locations in Tokyo in order to pass on this unique Japanese tradition and cultural entertainment both at home and abroad. Everyone is welcome including those not familiar with tea ceremony, tourists, and children.

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony, which was started in 2008, marks its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will be held over four days at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Koganei City) on October 13 and 14 and at Hama-rikyu Gardens (Chuo City) on October 20 and 21, 2018.

Various schools of tea will join Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony to help visitors feel the spirit of *Omotenashi* (Japanese hospitality) and casually experience Japanese traditional tea culture through various enjoyable programs that have attracted approximately 190,000 visitors in the past. Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony is a loved and cherished Tokyo's autumn tradition which is not to be missed.



<Indoor Tea Ceremony>  
(Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)



<Outdoor Tea Ceremony>

(Left : Hama-rikyu Gardens, Right : Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)



<Tea Ceremony Workshop for Children>  
(Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)



<Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners>  
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)

\*Photos taken at Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2017

## 【Program Outline】

Dates:	①October 13 (Saturday) and 14 (Sunday), 2018
	②October 20 (Saturday) and 21 (Sunday), 2018
Venues:	①Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (3-7-1 Sakura-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo (inside Koganei Park))
	②Hama-rikyu Gardens (1-1 Hamarikyuteien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo)
Organized by:	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Co-organized by:	Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association (②only)
Supported by:	Koganei City, Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry (① only), Chuo City (②only)
Cooperated by:	Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony Association, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (①only), Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony/Flower Arrangement Federation, Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation; Tea Ceremony Department (②only)
Official Website:	<a href="http://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/en">http://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/en</a>

\*Applications for Indoor Tea Ceremony will be closed on August 31, 2018. Applications by mail must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2018, and online applications close at 11:59pm on August 31, 2018.

## 【Main Programs】

Both venues will offer three programs as follows: “Indoor Tea Ceremony” – the traditional authentic tea ceremony (JPY700 and advanced reservation required), “Outdoor Tea Ceremony” – casual tea ceremony held in open-air greenery (JPY300), and “Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners” – beginners learn the basics of tea ceremony while making tea in pairs. This program will provide English language translation assistance to encourage tourists and non-Japanese speakers to attend and enjoy the program (JPY300).

At Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, two special programs will be offered: “Tea Ceremony in English” which explains the etiquette of tea ceremony in English (JPY700) and “Tea Ceremony Workshop for Children” which teaches elementary school aged children and younger the heart of Japanese tea hospitality through experience (JPY200). In addition, there will be performances of traditional Japanese games such as *Koma* (top) spinning and *Kendama* (cup and ball) for people of all ages to enjoy. Throughout the day food stalls operated by the local Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry will offer beverages and food such as snacks and *bentos* (boxed lunches) for sale.

At Hama-rikyu Gardens “Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English” (JPY300) which is an open air tea ceremony with explanation in English will also be offered along with a second program, “Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students” which will be offered through the cooperation of the Tokyo Metropolitan High School Federation; Tea Ceremony Department. In addition, performances of *Kabuki*, Japanese Calligraphy, *Koto* (Zither-like Japanese music instruments), and *Kouta* (Japanese ballad accompanied by Shamisen) will be offered along with workshops for *Kabuki* make-up and Japanese Calligraphy.

## 【Applications for Indoor Tea Ceremony】

Prior application is necessary to participate in “Indoor Tea Ceremony” (JPY700).

Please apply from the official website <http://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/en> or by a reply-paid postcard.

Applications will be accepted from August 1 (Wednesday) to August 31 (Friday). Applications postmarked on or before August 31 will be valid. In case applications exceed capacity, a drawing will be held. In case there is excess capacity or cancellation tickets will be sold at both venues on the days of the events.

### 【How to apply】

\*The application is limited to one per applicant for each venue.

#### ■From the official website

Fill in the application form on the official website at <http://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/en>

#### ■By reply-paid postcard

Fill in the following ①～⑤ on a reply-paid postcard and send it to the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony Office.

① Preferred venue (Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum or Hama-rikyu Gardens)

② Preferred date

③ Preferred time of day (AM or PM)

④ Numbers of participants (Up to two people)

⑤ Names of participants, address with postal code, and telephone number

\*Please put the name and address, with postal code of the representative on the reply postcard.

<Address> Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony Office, P.O.Box# 79 Shin-Tokyo Post Office, (Japan Post) Tokyo 137-8691

#### 【Application Period】

August 1 (Wednesday) to 31 (Friday), 2018

\*Online application will close at 11:59pm on 31 August.

\*Postcards postmarked by 31 August are valid.

【Reservation Notifications】Recipients of tickets will be notified on or around September 10 (Monday), 2018 via e-mail or by the reply postcard.

#### 【Inquiries】

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony Office

TEL: 03-6426-0558 (Weekdays: 10:00am～5:00pm)

\*Applicants' personal information will not be used for any other purpose not related to these events.

## Tokyo 150 years Program Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018

### 1. Event information

Venue	Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum Address : 3-7-1 Sakura-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo (inside Koganei Park) Opening hours : 9:30am - 4:30pm *Last entry: 4:00pm	Hama-rikyu Gardens Address : 1-1 Hamarikyu-teien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo Opening hours : 9:00am - 5:00pm *Last entry: 4:30pm
Event Dates	October 13 (Saturday) & 14 (Sunday) 2018	October 20 (Saturday) & 21 (Sunday) 2018
Time	9:50am - 4:10pm *Reception starts at 9:30am (closes at 3:30pm)	9:30am - 4:10pm *Reception starts at 9:00am (closes at 3:40pm)
Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● From Musashi-Koganei Station (JR Chuo Line), take the Seibu bus at platform No. 2 or 3 near the north exit of Musashi-Koganei Station. Get off at Koganei-koen Nishi-guchi and walk for 5 minutes.</li><li>● From Hana-Koganei Station (Seibu-Shinjuku Line), take the Seibu bus for Musashi-Koganei Station at Minami Hana Koganei. Get off at Koganei-koen Nishi-guchi, and walk for 5 minutes.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 7 minutes walk from Shiodome Station or Tsukijishijo Station (Toei Oedo Line), or from Shiodome Station (Yurikamome Line).</li><li>● 12 minutes walk from Shimbashi Station (JR Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Toei Asakusa Line).</li></ul>
Admission Fee	Free during Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018 (October 13 & 14, 2018)	Adults: JPY300, Seniors (65 or over): JPY150 Children aged 12 or under, and junior high school students residing or studying in Tokyo: Free
In case of rain	To be canceled only in case of heavy rain	
Contents		
Advance ticket		
Indoor Tea Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue : 1. House of Korekiyo Takahashi (Capacity of 30 persons per ceremony) 2. Second House of the Nishikawa Family (Capacity of 30 persons per ceremony) 3. Kawano Shoten (Capacity of 20 persons per ceremony) ■Ticket price : JPY700</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Prior application is required. (In case of oversubscription, a drawing will be held.)</li><li>* Bring the result e-mail or the reply postcard to receive a ticket at the ticket counter on that day.</li><li>* Participation fee to be paid on that day.</li><li>* If the number of applicants falls under the capacity or if cancellations occur on that day, tickets will be sold at the venues on the day.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue 1. Nakajima-no-ochaya (Capacity of 35 persons per ceremony) 2. Hobai-tei (Capacity of 25 persons per ceremony) ■ Ticket price: JPY700</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* During the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018, normal tea service will not be available at Nakajima-no-ochaya.</li></ul>
Same day tickets		
Tea Ceremony in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue : Farmhouse of The Tsunashima Family (Capacity of 20 persons per ceremony)</li><li>■Ticket price : JPY700</li><li>English translation assistance available</li></ul>	
Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue : Fujimi Yama area (Capacity of 32 persons per ceremony)</li><li>■Ticket price : JPY300</li><li>English translation assistance available</li></ul>
Outdoor Tea Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue : Gate of Date Family Residence (Capacity of 50 persons per ceremony)</li><li>■Ticket price : JPY300</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■Venue : Fujimi Yama area 3 Sections (Capacity of 32 persons per ceremony)</li><li>■Ticket price : JPY300</li><li>*One section is for Sencha, green tea.</li></ul>

Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners	<b>■Venue : Farmhouse of the Yoshino Family</b> (Capacity of 40 persons in 20 pairs per ceremony) <b>■Ticket price : JPY300 per person</b> <b>English translation assistance available</b> *Singles (not in pairs) can also participate	<b>■Venue : Kaboku-en (Capacity of 40 persons in 20 pairs per ceremony)</b> <b>■Ticket price : JPY300 per person</b> <b>English translation assistance available</b> *Singles (not in pairs) can also participate
Tea Ceremony Workshop for Children	<b>■Venue : House of the Leader of the Hachioji Guards</b> (Capacity of 20 persons per ceremony) <b>■Admission : Children aged 4 to 12 and one family member</b> <b>■Ticket price : JPY200 per person</b>	
Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students		<b>■Venue : Fujimi Yama area (Capacity of 20 persons per ceremony)</b> <b>■Ticket price : JPY300</b>
Performances/Booths	<b>■October 13: Koma spinning performance</b> <b>■October 14: Kendama (cup and ball) performance</b> <b>■Food and drink booths by Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry</b>	<b>■October 20: Kabuki Performance, Nohgaku Stage</b> <b>■October 21 : Calligraphy performance</b> <b>■Koto (Japanese music instruments), Kouta (Japanese ballad) performance</b>

\*Schedule and contents subject to change or cancellation without notice.

## 2. Venue Information



<Entrance of Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum>



<Nakajima-no-ochaya of Hama-rikyu Gardens>

### Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

This outdoor museum displays thirty buildings of historic value from the Edo to Mid-Showa eras which have been relocated, restored, and preserved. The “House of Korekiyo Takahashi” which will be the “Indoor Tea Ceremony” venue, is the main building of the residence of Korekiyo Takahashi who led Japanese politics from Meiji to early Showa period. This is also the location of the historic “2.26 incident” in 1936. The “Gate of Date Family”, which will be the “Outdoor tea ceremony” venue is the gate made entirely of Japanese *zokoya* style by the Date Family in Shirokane, Minato-ku during the Taisho Era to recreate the gate of the local *Daimyo* (Feudal lord) mansion.

### Hama-rikyu Gardens

Hama-rikyu Gardens is representative of the local *Daimyo* (Feudal lord) gardens built in the Edo period. It is the only garden in Tokyo that has both *Shioiri-no-ike* (tidal ponds) and *Kamoba* (duck hunting grounds). The garden serves as a familiar urban oasis with seasonal flowers blooming in the prime of every season. *Nakajima-no-ochaya*, the location of “Indoor Tea Ceremony”, offers amazing views of the tide. At *Kaboku-en* where “Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners” will take place guests can enjoy varieties of cherry blossoms which bloom in pale pink and toad lilies which bloom in purple in late October of every year.

### Inquiries regarding this press release

#### 《Public Inquiries》

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