

Tokyo's autumn tradition to celebrate the 11th anniversary!

One of the largest tea ceremony events for beginners, foreigners and children to enjoy the heart of tea culture

Invitation and coverage request for

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 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 will be held at two renowned locations in Tokyo 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.

Both venues will offer three programs as follows: "Indoor Tea Ceremony" – the traditional authentic tea ceremony (advanced reservation required, application acceptance has been closed), "Outdoor Tea Ceremony" – casual tea ceremony held in open-air greenery, 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.

Also at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, two special programs will be offered: "Tea Ceremony in English" and "Tea Ceremony Workshop for Children" which teaches elementary school aged children and younger the heart of Japanese tea hospitality through experience.

At Hama-rikyu Gardens "Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English" which is an open air tea ceremony you can enjoy outside 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 Cultural Federation; Tea Ceremony Department. Moreover along with tea ceremonies, other programs to experience and enjoy Japanese traditional culture and entertainment will be offered.

Various schools of tea will join Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony which has started in 2008 to mark its 11th anniversary this year. The events have attracted approximately 190,000 visitors in the past. Please come and feel the air of Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony, a loved and cherished Tokyo's autumn tradition not to be missed and cover the story in your publications.

Program Outline

① October 13 (Saturday) and 14 (Sunday), 2018 9:50~16:10

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (3-7-1 Sakura-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo[inside Koganei Park], Open:9:30 – 16:30)

② October 20(Saturday) and 21(Sunday), 2018 9:30~16:10

Hama-rikyu Gardens(1-1 Hamarikyuteien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Open: 9:00 – 17:00)

Organized by: Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)

Co-organized by: Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association (② only)

Supported by: Koganei City, Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry (① only), Chuo City (② only)

Cooperated by: Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony Association, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (① only), Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony/Flower Arrangement Federation, Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation; Tea Ceremony Department (② only)

In case of rain: To be canceled only in case of heavy rain

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony Official Website: <http://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/en>

※ Please note programs may be altered or canceled without prior notice.

October 13 (Saturday) and 14 (Sunday), 2018: Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

- Indoor Tea Ceremony ※Advanced reservation required, application acceptance has been closed.
 - ①House of Korekiyo Takahashi : First 9:50, Last 15:20, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 30 people per ceremony
 - ②Second House of the Nishikawa Family : First 9:50, Last 15:20, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 30 people per ceremony
 - ③Kawano Shoten : First 9:50, Last 15:20, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 20 people per ceremony
- Outdoor Tea Ceremony Gate of Date Family Residence : First 10:00, Last 15:30, approx.25 minutes, capacity of 50 people per ceremony
- Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners ※English translation assistance available
Farmhouse of the Yoshino Family : First 10:30, Last 15:30, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 40 people in 20 pairs per ceremony
- Tea Ceremony in English ※English translation assistance available
Farmhouse of the Tsunashima Family : First 10:30, Last 15:30, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 20 people per ceremony
- Tea Ceremony Workshop for Children
House of the Leader of the Hachioji Guards : First 10:20, Last 15:20, approx.40 minutes, capacity of 20 people per ceremony ※For Children aged four to twelve and one family member
- Performance
 - October 13 (Sat) : Koma (top) spinning performance
Performer : KOMA NO Take chan
Time : 10:30~, 12:30~, 14:30~ (3 times per day, performance length 30 minutes)
 - October 14 (Sun) : Kendama (cup and ball) performance
Performer : Easy(One of the members of Kendama performance duo“ZOOMADANKE”)
Time : 10:30~, 12:30~, 14:30~ (3 times per day, performance length 30 minutes)
- Stalls Food and snack stalls by Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry
- The event on the same day Music Program TOKYO “Machinaka Concerts” (Admission free)
Clarinet Trio, String Quartet, Woodwind Trio, Trumpet Quartet
“Kodakara-yu” : 11:00~, 12:20~, 13:50~, 15:10~ (4 performances per day)
※Performance length 20 minutes, capacity of 70 people per performance
Organized by: Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Arts Council Tokyo
For inquiry: Tokyo Bunka Kaikan (03-3828-2111)

【Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum:

Guideline for coverage and photographing during the event】

- Press Reception will be set up in the “Information Center” tent installed at the entrance square of Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, open from 9:30 (the Museum opening time) to 16:10 (Event closing time).
- In principle, there is no restriction for covering the event (Coverage free).
- You are restricted from bringing in reflectors or the equipment which reflect lights. *No restriction for bringing in and using small sized lighting equipment.
- Using camera tripod, unipod or stepladder is not allowed inside of any buildings when photographing for the purpose of building preservation.
- You can use camera tripod, unipod or stepladder when photographing “Outdoor Tea Ceremony” and outside appearances of buildings and the garden.
 - ※However, you are restricted from using camera tripod, unipod or stepladder in the following places, The garden of House of Korekiyo Takahashi and Second House of the Nishikawa Family, the front garden of House of the Tsunashima Family, the garden of Residence of Hachirouemon Mitsui, Tea Arbor “Kaisuian”, the garden of House of Georg de Lalande, and any narrow passage which may affect visitors.
- Use of a power source at the venues is not allowed.
- Please note official photos are not available for immediate use but will be released within a few weeks.
- Under the rule at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, you need to inform the PR Office in advance when you bring the photo equipment (both still and movie). Please fill out the necessary information on the attached “Attendance Confirmation” form and send it by E-mail or Fax to the PR Office of Tokyo Grand Tea

Ceremony by noon of October 12 (Friday).



〈Access〉

- 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.
- 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.
- ※ No parking available for press use

October 20 (Saturday) and 21 (Sunday), 2018: Hama-rikyu Gardens

- Indoor Tea Ceremony ※Advanced reservation required, application acceptance has been closed.
 - ① Nakajima-no-ochaya : 20 (Sat) First 11:00, Last 15:40, approx. 30 minutes, capacity of 35 people per ceremony
21 (Sun) First 9:40, Last 15:40, approx. 30 minutes, capacity of 35 people per ceremony
 - ② Hobai-tei : 20 (Sat) First 10:20, Last 15:40, approx. 30 minutes, capacity of 25 people per ceremony
21 (Sun) First 9:40, Last 15:40, approx. 30 minutes, capacity of 25 people per ceremony
- Outdoor Tea Ceremony (Three ceremonies: one with Sencha green tea)
Fujimi Yama area : First 10:00, Last 15:30, approx. 25 minutes, capacity of 32 people per ceremony
- Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners ※English translation assistance available
Kaboku-en : First 10:00, Last 15:00, approx. 40 minutes, capacity of 40 people in 20 pairs per ceremony
- Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English ※English translation assistance available
Fujimi Yama area : First 10:00, Last 15:30, approx. 25 minutes, capacity of 32 people per ceremony
- Outdoor Tea Ceremony by high school students
Fujimi Yama area : First 10:15, Last 15:40, approx. 20 minutes, capacity of 20 people per ceremony
- Stage event
October 20 (Saturday)
 - Koto : 10:30 ~ 11:00, Performer : Tsugumi Yamamoto
 - Nohgaku stage : 11:30 ~ 12:00, Performer : Noboru Sano (Noh actor [the shite-kata] of the Hosho school [Hosho-ryu])
 - Kouta : 12:30 ~ 13:00, 14:30 ~ 15:00, Performer : Yasumi Miyazawa
 - KABUKI Performance : 13:30 ~ 14:00, 15:30 ~ 16:00, Performer : Miyabi-ya JAPANOctober 21 (Sunday)
 - Japanese Calligraphy Performance : 10:30 ~ 11:00, 15:30 ~ 16:00, Performer : Kamari Maeda
 - Kouta : 12:00 ~ 12:30, 14:00 ~ 14:30, Performer : Yasumi Miyazawa
 - Koto : 13:00 ~ 13:30, Performer : Tsugumi Yamamoto
- Workshop
 - KABUKI makeup experience (Admission free)
 - Japanese Calligraphy experience (Free for using cards, 200 yen fee for folding fans)
- Machi-kago Photo spot (Ride experience of Japanese sedan chair)
- Stalls
 - “KOMOGOMO Exhibition” to exhibit and sell art crafts supported by Tokyo University of the Arts
 - Stalls selling lunch boxes, Japanese sweets, Green tea
- The event on the same day Traditional Culture Experience Programs for Foreign Visitors
 - ※ English translation assistance available
 - Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement)

11:00～, 13:00～, 14:00～, (around 40 minutes per session)

*Advance application not required, up to 60 people per day, free of charge

• Edo Sashimono (Sharpen woods and make chopsticks)

10:30～, 11:30～, 13:30～, 14:30～, 15:30～, (around 40 minutes per session)

*Advance application not required, up to 40 people per day,

Requires 500 yen for wood material

• Kimono dressing (Walk around the Garden for about 1 hour wearing Kimono)

9:30～15:00

* Advance application not required, up to 100 people per day, free of charge

Organized by: Arts Council Tokyo(Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)

Supported by and in cooperation with Tokyo Metropolitan Government

For inquiry: Tokyo Tradition office, Arts Council Tokyo (03-5428-3655)

【Hama-rikyu Gardens: Guideline for coverage and photographing during the event】

- Press Reception will be set up in the “Reception for Guests and Personnel” tent installed at the entrance “Otemon Gate” (Shimbashi, Shiodome, Tsukiji direction), open from 9:00 (the Gardens opening time) to 16:10 (Event closing time).
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〈Access〉

■ 7 minutes walk from Shiodome Station or Tsukijishijo Station (Toei Oedo Line), or from Shiodome Station (Yurikamome Line).

■ 12 minutes walk from Shimbashi Station(JR Line, Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Toei Asakusa Line).

※No parking available for press use



For press Inquiry

<Before▪During▪After event>

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