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Arts Council Tokyo,
Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for
History and Culture

Invitation and Coverage Request for
Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2019
Hama-rikyu Gardens
October 19th and 20th

Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) will hold the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2019 on October 19th and 20th at renowned location in Tokyo, Hama-rikyu Gardens.

The annual Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony was created to help pass along the unique Japanese tradition and cultural entertainment of tea ceremony to people of all ages living in Japan and visiting from abroad including those not familiar with tea ceremony or Japanese traditions and regardless of Japanese language skills.

2019 marks the 12th anniversary of the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony which was started in 2008. Nearly 210,000 visitors enjoyed this Japanese traditional cultural entertainment over the years. This special event will be held on October 19th and 20th (Saturday & Sunday) at Hama-rikyu Gardens in Chuo City in central Tokyo. Hama-rikyu Gardens is a representative local *Daimyo* (Feudal lord) garden built in the Edo period. It is the only garden in Tokyo that has both *Shioiri-no-ike* (an incoming tidal pond) and *Kamoba* (duck hunting sites). This garden serves as a familiar urban oasis with seasonal flowers blooming in the prime of every season.

Various traditional schools of Japanese tea will attend with all teachers, staff,

and students from the schools coming together to help entertain, educate, and support guests through tea ceremony procedure. Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony is a loved and cherished annual event where guests can experience wonderful Japanese tradition. We very much appreciate to have you cover our event.

Photos from last year's Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2018 can be seen below.

- Indoor Tea Gathering



- Nodate (Outdoor Tea Gathering)



- Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners



- **Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2019 at Hama-rikyu Gardens**

Date and Time:

October 19th and 20th, 2019 (Saturday & Sunday)

9:00am – 4:10pm (Reception closed at 3:30pm, entry closed at 4:30pm)

Venue:

Hama-rikyu Gardens

1-1 Hamarikyu-teien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

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).
- Exclusive news media parking lot is not available.



Organized by:

Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)

Co-organized by:

Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association

Supported by:

Chuo City

In cooperation with:

Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony/Flower Arrangement Federation

Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation; Tea Ceremony Department

Garden Admission Fee:

General: ¥300

65 or over: ¥150

Details of Events:

1. “Nodate (Outdoor Tea Gathering) in English” at Fujimi Yama area

This program is an open air tea gathering under the clear autumn sky with

an English guide.

- Ticket price: ¥300
- English translation available

2. “Tea Ceremony Workshop for Beginners” at Kaboku-en

This program is a lesson for beginners to learn about the traditional Japanese tea ceremony culture with an English guide.

- Ticket price ¥300
- English translation available

[Other Events on the Same Days]

Traditional Culture Experience Program for Foreign Visitors

- Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm
- Various exhibits and experiences such as Ikebana (Japanese flower Arrangement), Kimono dressing (free of charge), Edo Sashimono (Making chopsticks) (¥500).
- Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) performance will be held on the stage.

[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 9:00am (the garden opening time) to 4:10 pm (event closing time).
- You are restricted from bringing in reflectors, equipment which reflect lights, stepladders, tall cameras, light equipment, flashes (except for built-in flash of a camera) or drones.
- You can use camera tripods or unipods when photographing “Outdoor Tea Gathering” and outside appearance of buildings and the garden. However, you are restricted from using camera tripods or unipods in any narrow path which may affect visitors.
- Using camera tripods or unipods is not allowed inside of any buildings for the purpose of building preservation.
- In principle, using camera lighting equipment is not allowed when photographing at the venue of “Indoor Tea Gathering”.
- This event will be held as scheduled rain or shine, cancelled only on stormy weather.
- In principle, our staff will not accompany the press.
- Use of a power source at the venue is not allowed.

- Please note official photos are not available for immediate use.

For more details regarding Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2019 or press inquiries, please feel free to contact:

[Public Inquiries]

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

Attendance Confirmation

Please fill out the necessary information for visiting “Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2019” and send back by email.

In case that you will come to this event in Hama-rikyu Gardens, please return your attendance confirmation by 12:00pm on October 18th, Friday.

We very much appreciate your cooperation to inform us in advance.

And also, please let us know about your photo equipment (both still and movie) in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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1. Company Name

2. Media Name and department

3. Name of crew representative and Total number of crew

4. Telephone number

5. E-mail

6. Address

7. Date of your desired visit

8. Content and place of your desired coverage or Any request

9. Equipment to bring in (please specify numbers)

10. Attend "Traditional Culture Experience Program for Foreign Visitors"

If you would like to attend this program, please put a circle on the below.

For media, all programs are free of charge.

Yes, I will attend.

We appreciate your efforts for the coverage of this event in advance.