



Dear Members and Supporters of Omotesenke Domonkai,

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend to Omotesenke Domonkai Eastern Region USA my warmest congratulations, and gratitude.

For 15 years, this esteemed organization has shared Japan's quintessential cultural tradition of tea ceremony throughout the eastern part of the U.S., creating profound connections between the Japanese and American people. By welcoming new practitioners and providing insight into Japanese tenets such as appreciation of the moment and simplicity, Omotesenke Domonkai has ensured the preservation of Chanoyu as a venerated, well-practiced artform.

I praise the school of Omotosenke for teaching ancient tea ceremony rituals, which, in days of both harmony and discord, offer a path towards collective focus and peaceful self-reflection.

To the leadership, members, and supporters of Omotesenke Domonkai, I extend my deep appreciation for their dedication and meaningful endeavors such as today's expert demonstrations of the beauty of Japanese tea ceremony here in the heart of this diverse city.

For all the participants of this 15th anniversary celebration of Omotesenke Domonkai, I hope that many enlightening exchanges take place and that the art of Japanese tea ceremony can be enjoyed by many American and Japanese generations to come.

With sincere gratitude,

Consul General of Japan in New York  
**Ambassador Mikio Mori**