



In 2025, Omotesenke Domonkai Eastern Region, USA will mark its 15th anniversary. In our effort to widely promote the spirit of Chanoyu, Japan's noble tea culture tradition, through the practice of Omotesenke, we are honored to hold official commemorative events for the public benefit in Washington, D.C. and New York. We have organized the events with our aim to further deepen cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States while sharing our prayers for world peace.

Through these events, we hope that many will come to appreciate the charm of the tea ceremony and the profound depths of our traditional culture, thereby contributing to the strengthening of international bonds.

Tea was discovered in China approximately 2,000 years ago. Following its introduction to Japan, the serving and sharing of tea evolved into a uniquely Japanese culture that incorporates spirituality. In this evolution, Sen no Rikyu (1522–1591) made tremendous contributions to the art of the tea ceremony by emphasizing the concept of “wabi” and devising distinctive utensils and tea rooms. His spirit is carried on in Fushin'an, the symbol of Omotesenke.

Under the guidance of the 13th generation Iemoto, the grandmaster, Omotesenke was incorporated as Fushin'an Foundation, and from 1942, Omotesenke Doumonkai Association chapters have been established throughout Japan. In 1955, the first overseas Doumonkai chapter was inaugurated in Hawaii, followed by the establishment of chapters in Northern and Southern California by 1970. In 2010, Eastern Region, USA, the fourth overseas chapter, and the first on the East Coast, was launched.

In the United States, following the introduction of the Green Tea Latte at Starbucks in 2006, a matcha boom has emerged, particularly centered around New York City, and matcha is now enjoyed on daily basis. However, the long history behind matcha and the profound culture of the tea ceremony remain relatively unknown. Through the practice of Omotesenke, we are committed to conveying to wider audience the tea ceremony as a comprehensive Japanese art that enriches daily life.

We are privileged to welcome the 15th generation Omotesenke Iemoto, Yuyusai Sosho and other Senior Masters from Kyoto; American public, many of whom have generously supported our activities; and representative and members of Domonkai chapters from Japan and the United States.

Eastern Regions, USA can host these outstanding commemorative events thanks to the dedication and efforts of everyone who has contributed to our activities and development. On behalf of our members, I offer my heartfelt gratitude.

I extend my sincere welcome to you all.

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