

Dear Tea Friends,

I hope that you are staying safe and healthy during this period filled with many contradictory feelings. On one hand, we are looking forward to the beautiful peak of springtime, and on the other, we are concerned about the health and well-being of our families and friends.

Despite all of the health and social concerns, 2021 is an important landmark year because it marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hounsai Daisosho's efforts to spread "Peacefulness through a Bowl of Tea" to the people of the world. Through his efforts, people are now studying and sharing chanoyu in over 100 official Tankokai groups around the world.

Coincidentally, last year, 2020, marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my arrival in Japan and also the beginning of a chanoyu journey that has brought me into contact with all of you who are diligently striving along the Way of Tea. It is with great humility that I take this unique opportunity to commemorate seventy years of chanoyu overseas by offering tea as a gesture of gratitude to all of my tea friends and supporters of the Tankosha Cultural Center. Unfortunately, because of COVID we are unable to come together in large groups, but through ever-advancing technology, we are able to hold an virtual chakai to bring people together safely to enjoy a quiet moment during the peak of the spring season.

It is with happiness and humility that I invite you to join us at Chionsha, a wonderful Kyomachiai, to enjoy tea during this wonderful period. The details are as follows:

Date: March 28, 2021

Time: 13:30~15:00

Venue: Chionsha

Link to Chionsha website: <<<https://www.chionsha.com/>>>

Participation: live streaming through TankoCultureWEB

Tankosha has developed several different ways in which you can participate in this gathering, the third internet gathering that it has been produced during the pandemic. The Yamaheisha production company is again handling the technical aspects of streaming this live event.

Thank you for your kind support over the years. I am looking forward to sharing tea with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Josei Tanana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.