



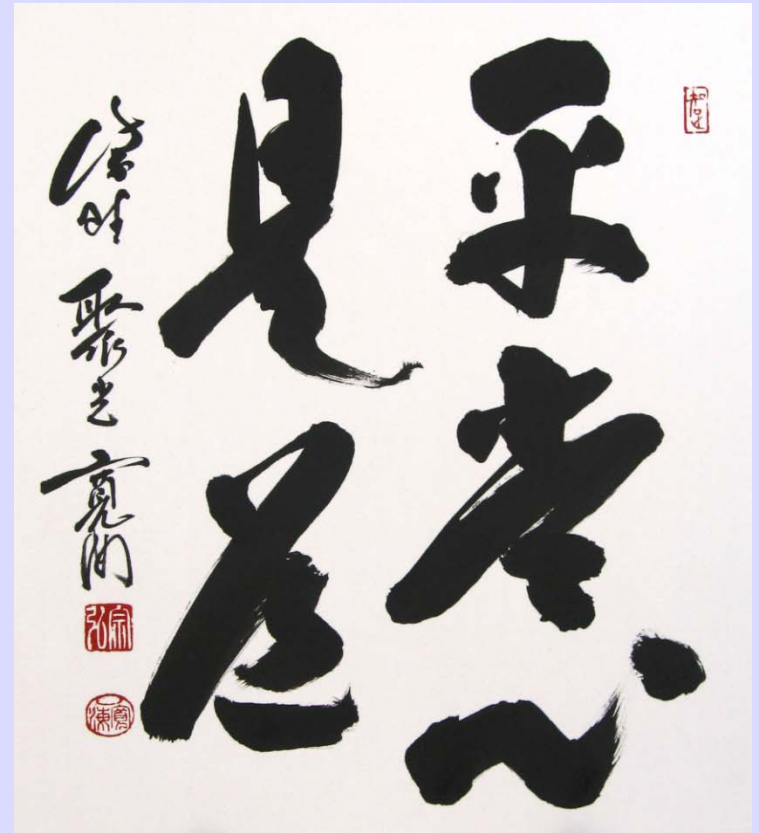
Tea and Zen Have One Taste -

Learning Tea Ritual



The great Zen master, Hakuin Ekaku (1686–1768) said:

*Meditation in the
MIDST of activity is a
billion times superior
to meditation in
stillness!*



“The everyday mind is the
training ground” by
Onozawa Kankai



It may be that the newly risen *samurai* class loved tea ritual more for the access it provided than its spiritual benefits.



Tea Room called *Shoko-ken* attributed to feudal lord Hosokawa Sansai located at Kōtōin Temple

The structure of Tea organizations is usually based on the traditional Japanese model of the family or house.



The Main Gate of the Omotesenke Tea Lineage

家

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家元

lemoto



A Tea Certificate from
the Urasenke Tea
Lineage

When students begin the study of tea with an *iemoto*, they are said to “enter the gate” of that school. The first certificate they receive is called *nyū mon*.



The Main Gate of the Urasenke Tea Lineage

入門

A student usually interfaces with the *iemoto* through his or her relationship with a licensed teacher. The teacher's group of students is called his or her *shachū*—a word also used to designate the supporters of a shrine.



Takechi Sōko and Tiscornia Sōkyo



The student-teacher relationship is based on the Confucian ethic.

恩

On – Benevolence

義理

Giri – Obligation



Folding the Fukusa



First Lesson



The first tea preparation a student learns is usually a simple tray ceremony (*ryakubon*).

