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Dear Ms. Malcorra,

Please find attached Invitation to the Peace Memorial Tea Ceremony to be held on Monday, 21 September at 10:00 a.m. at the UN West Lounge (Indonesian Lounge).

This event will be hosted by H.E. Mr. and Mrs. Motohide Yoshikawa, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, with the presence of the Secretary-General and the President-elect of the 70th Session of the General Assembly.

Please see the attachment for further details and for RSVP information.

Sincerely,

Agnes Mallari  
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*H.E. Mr. and Mrs. Motohide Yoshikawa  
Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations  
cordially invite*

*Ms. Susana Malcorra  
to the Peace Memorial Tea Ceremony*

*presented by  
the Urasenke Chado Tradition  
and the Mission of Japan*

*Monday, 21 September, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
at the United Nations West Lounge (Indonesian Lounge)*

Kindly R.S.V.P. by Wednesday , 16 September to Mr. Jeff DeMars

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# PEACE MEMORIAL TEA CEREMONY

BY URASENKE AND THE MISSION OF JAPAN

MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.  
THE UNITED NATIONS WEST LOUNGE (INDONESIAN LOUNGE)



## CHADO, THE JAPANESE WAY OF TEA

The traditional tea culture of Japan known as *chado*, or literally "the way of tea," surrounds the serving and drinking of *matcha* (powdered green tea). It is a comprehensive cultural practice that involves artistic, religious, philosophical and social elements. At its core lie its key principles of "harmony," "respect," "purity," and "tranquility"; principles which lead people to live in accord with their fellow human beings and with Nature. A bowl of matcha is thus imbued with great meaning.



## KENCHA-SHIKI, TEA OFFERING CEREMONY

In *chado*, there is a special kind of tea offering ceremony called *kencha-shiki*, presented at memorial sites, houses of prayer, and the like. As the participants watch, the implements for preparing the tea offering are ritually purified, and the bowl of matcha tea is prepared and offered up in prayer for mankind's well-being and world peace. This graceful and deliberate act effectively serves as the focus of the shared purpose which unites the participants, regardless of their nationality, language, or religious beliefs.