

Experience the Way of Tea at the Welcome Party

Traditional Japanese Tea will be served by Mr. Randy Channell Soei who is one of the Plenary lecturers in the Opening Ceremony of the UNITECR2011 (Morning October 31st). The welcome party of the UNITECR2011 will start at 6:00pm, October 30th in Banquet “Swan” of the Kyoto International Conference Center. During the party, a small corner will be devoted to serving Japanese powdered green tea (Matcha) with small Japanese traditional sweets (Wagashi). The serving will be done using tables and chairs so it will be easier for many attendees to experience. A short interpretation about the tea ceremony will also be given in English by Mr. Channell. Tea will be served from about 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Mr. Channell is Canadian and came to Japan in the early 1980s to study budo (Japanese martial arts) and began his studies in chanoyu (the Way of Tea) shortly thereafter. In 1993 he was granted permission to study at the Urasenke Gakuen Professional College of Chado, graduating in 1996. He presently teaches the Way of Tea in Kyoto at a shrine just east of the Imperial Palace and owns a small Japanese café/gallery near the Nijo-jo castle. More information about Mr. Channell will be available at the website: <http://www.ranhotei.com/>



Mr. Randy Channell Soei in a traditional Japanese tearoom wearing ‘kimono’.