

“Culture and Peace” Kyoto Resolution

Today, here in Kyoto, we are convened for the 10th “East Asia Tea Culture Symposium” and “Panel Discussion on Culture and Peace in East Asia” which have been held by rotation in Japan, China, and South Korea since 2004 and were proposed by Daisosho Genshitsu Sen.

Over these years, we researchers and individuals involved in the field of culture in Japan, China, and South Korea have come together to engage in scholarly exchange on our research concerning tea culture and promote friendly relations in East Asia, and we have also deepened our discussions about the role and potentials of culture towards achieving world peace and stability.

“Harmony is the universal path which all should pursue”; “Harmony is to be valued.” We have reconfirmed that Chado, the “Way of Tea,” is among the forms of culture which can contribute to world peace, and that culture is the bedrock of peace and happiness.

Based on our conclusions thus far, we declare that

1. In order to promote friendly relations in East Asia, we will continue to promulgate tea culture and the spirit of Chado in society.
2. Faithful to the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, we will value the spirit of Harmony which is indispensable for mutual understanding among the countries of East Asia.

3. With “Peacefulness through a bowl of tea” as our aim, we will endeavor to promote cultural exchange and realize peaceful coexistence among the world’s people.

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