

TEA CEREMONY AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE



Tea Ceremony or “way of Tea”, known as Sado, is a salient feature of the Japanese culture involving the ceremonial preparation and serving of Japanese green tea and is one of the most popular forms of Japanese hospitality extended to their guests. Tea ceremonies are conducted by well-trained Tea Masters who have perfected the art.

On the 10th of June 2016 Madame Suganuma, spouse of the Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka, played host to the spouses and family of several high officials of Sri Lanka at such a tea ceremony at Ambassador’s residence. The guests were warmly welcomed by Madame Suganuma and a tea master from Japan, Mr. Masami Nishino, in true Japanese style.

Mr. Nishino, a Tea Master of “Omote-Senke”, one of the most famous schools of tea ceremony in Japan, as well as a Master Chef of traditional Japanese banquet cuisine at “Hanamiyako”, Japanese restaurant in Ibaraki Prefecture Japan was visiting Sri Lanka for the first time with his wife.

While Mr. Nishino demonstrated the art of tea ceremony, several spouses of Japanese Embassy staff served tea to the guests. The guests enjoyed not only the tea

ceremony but also engaged in conversations about Japanese culture with the host and Mr. Nishino.