

A Japanese Afternoon Tea Experience in Edinburgh

✘ At the beginning of February there is a special event at the Waldorf Astoria to introduce you to some Japanese culture.

The Japanese Afternoon Tea Experience will feature one of Japan's best known chefs Takeshi Inoue who is visiting Scotland next month as a guest of the Consulate General of Japan. He will share his secrets of wagashi which is a traditional Japanese sweet enjoyed for centuries. It is an important part of Japanese culture particularly at weddings or exchanged as a special gift.

Dale MacPhee, General Manager of the five star luxury hotel at Edinburgh's west end, said: 'We are thrilled to be welcoming Takeshi Inoue and the Japanese Consul General to Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian. We introduced SocieTEA around two years ago and each has featured something completely different. This one will be quite unique and is a perfect fit with our SocieTEA concept.'

As the UK has a huge tea culture, guests at the event will also have the opportunity to experience some traditional Japanese tea. Mio Shapley – a Japanese musician living in Edinburgh and who plays at the hotel – will demonstrate the Japanese tea ceremony helping to create a truly authentic experience.

Tickets for the SocieTEA event on Monday 6th February are priced at £40 and include a donation to charity.

Time – 1-4pm at The Pompadour by Galvin

Guests will be served a glass of bubbles in The Pompadour's Salon on arrival.

Afternoon Tea includes freshly cut, handmade sandwiches; freshly baked scones and a delicious selection of sweet pastries plus one wagashi sweet per guest.

For further information call 0131-222 8805. Bookings are by email only at afternoontea.reservations@waldorfastoria.com