

Welcome Party for New ALTs from Wisconsin with Tea Ceremony, September 2, 2018

The CWA hosted an exchange party and tea ceremony experience on Sunday, September 2 at the Chiba City Lifelong Learning Center. A total of 22 persons, including four new Wisconsin ALTs assigned to high schools in Chiba Prefecture, participated in this event. After chatting and enjoying the Chirashi-zushi lunch prepared by the staff of the CWA Steering Committee, the ALTs introduced themselves. Following that, the tea ceremony experience started. Ms. Oura, one of the members of the CWA Steering Committee, showed the process of making tea. In the form of ryurei (table seated style), applying daily utensils as tea paraphernalia, the participants were divided into "hosts" who serve the tea, and "guests" who drink the tea, assisted by instruction from the staff. Then they experienced other side by exchanging roles. The participants helped ALTs get dressed in kimono, and all of them had fun until the end. The event finished with a commemorative photo.

