

■What is “Chashitsu(茶室)” ?

As well as being the oldest tea house in Japan, it is also the only remaining teahouse believed to have been created by SEN no Rikyu (千利休)、

Chashitsu Taian (待庵) (a National Treasure), which is said to have been created by SEN no Rikyu, expresses the spirit of Wabi-cha (侘茶)、

When looking at the tea house from a modern point of view, the rationality found in every aspect of the tea house is nearly perfect.

Construction of tea rooms further flourished in the period of SEN no Rikyu, and all the Sukisha (zen philosopher) of that time exhibited their originality and ingenuity for construction, and so-called Rikyu-style tea rooms were also matured under such circumstances.

In the Edo Period the sukiya (藪寄屋) style spread from tea house to residential houses.

■What is “the 2 jo (2畳茶室)” ?

The tea room is a small universe which is apart from real world. So it is an extremely small tea room.

The tea room with only two tatami mats “the 2 jo” that he built in Rikyu later years is said to be the ultimate expression of the spirit of Wabi-cha.

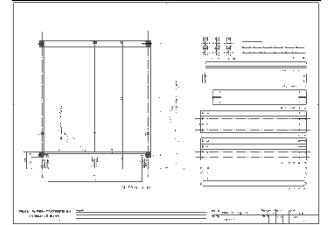
People no longer paid attention to minuscule tea rooms introduced by Rikyu, if anything, tea rooms became rebuilt and enlarged.

■ Get back to grass roots

Before Rikyu, lighting of the teahouse came through 2 or 4 sliding doors at the veranda and it was “one-way lighting,” but Rikyu enclosed the teahouse with a mud wall first and then made a window anywhere it was necessary.

■Make one’s debut in Dubai

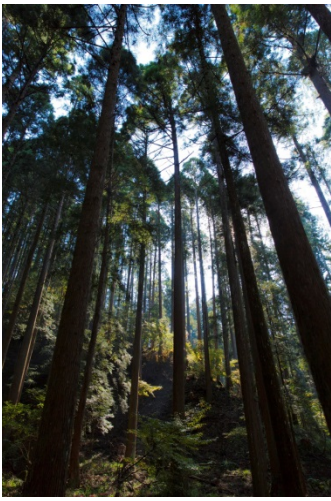
A modern version of “the 2 jo – Chashitsu” Architectural design by MKP (Miura Kuwano Partnership).



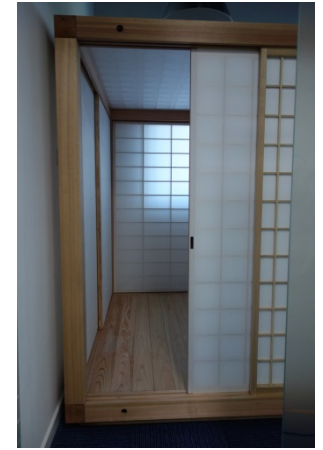
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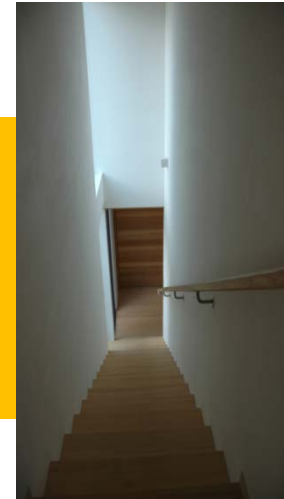


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