

Top Quality 2005 Darjeeling Tea at H-TEA-O

At the end of September, H-Tea-O Tea Salon in Admiralty will have for sale the most expensive tea in the world. H-Tea-O have purchased a limited quantity of the rare Darjeeling tea, Castleton Estate Second Flush, from the 2005 harvest.

The Castleton Estate tea is unmatched in its delicate flavour, rich aroma and exquisite bouquet. Prized by connoisseurs, Castleton Estate Darjeeling holds the world record price for a tea realised at auction.

H-TEA-O Product Director, Candy Ho, said "We have an established relationship with the supplier of Castleton Estate tea and so have been given priority in their allocation. We are very pleased to be able to offer this rare tea in Hong Kong for a second year." The 2004 harvest was sold out very quickly.

The tea is available for \$200 in 100gm tins and can be pre-ordered from H-TEA-O Tea Salon.

What is Darjeeling Tea

Darjeeling is considered among the rarest, most prestigious of the teas from India. The tea is grown at an elevation of 750 – 2,000 metres in century old Tea Gardens. The tea bushes are nurtured by intermittent rainfall, sunshine and moisture laden mellow mists high in the Himalayas.

The taste of Darjeeling varies with the seasons. The first growth after the Winter dormant period starts in March when the tea bushes are covered with a mass of small soft shoots. This is the first 'flush' tea which yields a light green tea with a pleasant brisk flavour. After this there is a lull in the growth until the second 'flush' appears in May and June. Most think that the finest tea produced each year comes from this second growth which has a more mature complex flavour. The liquor is bright, the taste full and round with a fruity note. It is during this period that the famous "Muscatel" flavour becomes pronounced.

Background

The H-TEA-O Tea Salon in Queensway Plaza, Admiralty is the first new concept tea house to be established in Hong Kong. H-TEA-O was established with the purpose of enriching people's lives through the experience of fine teas and the benefits of health and well-being.

With over 70 premium teas and herbal drinks, H-TEA-O provides the broadest range of tea based beverages anywhere in Hong Kong. Alongside traditional favourites such as Earl Grey and Dragon Well, H-TEA-O are one of the few suppliers of unique teas

such as Rooibos and Honeybush. Signature teas include Tony's Tea Latte, ChocolaTea, Moroccan Mint Chocolate and Iced Green Tea Mojito.

Award winning chefs, authentic clotted cream imported from Cornwall and nutritious healthy meal sets all make for a wonderful experience that can be enjoyed by all the family.

More detailed information can be found in the attached Press Pack file.

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