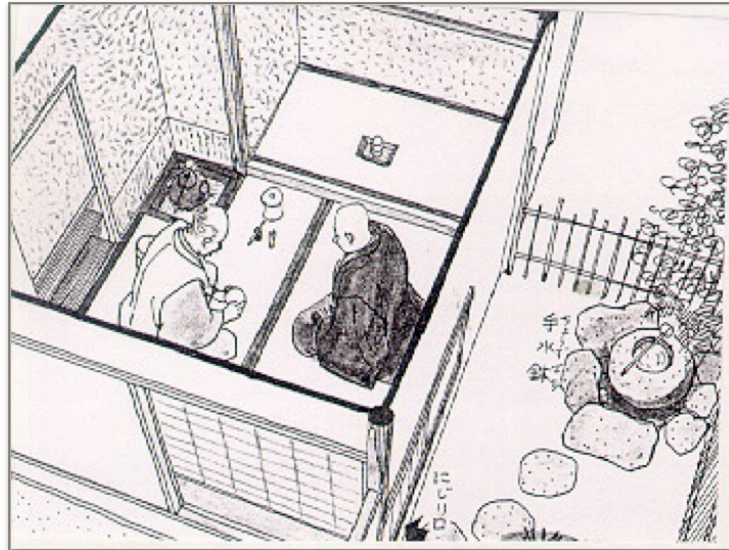


# Chado - The Way of Tea

If you have one pot  
And can make your tea in it  
That will do quite well.  
How much does he lack himself  
Who must have a lot of things?

When you hear the splash  
Of the water drops that fall  
Into the stone bowl  
You will feel that all the dust  
Of your mind is washed away.

- Sen Rikyu  
千利休 (1522 - 1591)



Rikyu & Hideyoshi at Taian, wabi-cha teahut built by Hideyoshi.

## Rikyu's 7 rules

1. Make a satisfying bowl of tea.
2. Lay the charcoal so that the water boils efficiently.
3. Provide a sense of warmth in winter, coolness in summer.
4. Arrange the flowers as though they were in the field.
5. Be ready ahead of time.
6. Be prepared in case it should rain.
7. Act with utmost consideration toward your guests.