

Kagami-Biraki

Kagami-biraki is a symbolic ceremony performed at celebratory events in which the lid of the sake barrel is broken open by a wooden mallet and the sake is served to everyone present. Kagami refers to the lid of the sake barrel and biraki means "to open" so kagami-biraki literally means "opening the lid." Because of the lid's round shape, the kagami is a symbol of harmony. The kagami-biraki, therefore, represents an opening to harmony and good fortune.

This is a ceremony dates back to the age of the samurai in the 15th century and is still performed at weddings, sporting events, opening days at new companies, and other significant events worthy of being celebrated. Thank you for joining us for this event.

Kanpai!

