

TEA –A DAILY NECESSITY Today, tea is the most popular drink in the world. In warm summer weather, people believe it helps them to keep cool and relax, and this is why there are so many traditional tea-houses in Chinese towns and villages, where local 10 people, especially the elderly, meet regularly and chat with their friends. The cultivation of tea plants began in China over two thousand years ago, and from there its popularity quickly spread, first to Japan and then to the rest of the world. Together with silk and porcelain, tea is still one of China's most important exports. In China, everyone from taxi drivers to civil servants drinks tea daily. They make serious apologies to others by pouring them tea. 16 Unit 3 Meeting places