## Akamizugama

## Chiharu Kumamoto / Sho Kumamoto

4758 Kagami, Karatsu-shi

Access: 10 minutes' walk from JR Nijinomatsubara Station

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▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



## Sho Kumamoto

- ▶1977 Born in Karatsu.
- ▶2006 Graduated from Saga Prefectual Arita College of Ceramics, specializing in the potter's wheel.
- ▶2006-2010 Trained with Shingo Oka.
- ▶2010 Began work at Akamizugama.

## Stoneware meets porcelain

Father and son work together at Akamizugama. "I want to make pots in my own voice using local materials." says Sho, the son. It can be difficult to make a living from producing purely traditional Karatsu ware. He makes both stoneware and porcelain, but the one condition for his work is that they are practical pots meant to be used. Most of Sho's ware is simple, clean tableware. Honing his skills and borrowing from tradition, his goal is to make work unseen in Karatsu before now. Every time he sees a happy customer, any worries about the direction he's taking with his work are pacified.



- ☐ Business Hours: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- □ Closed: Closed Irregularly
- □ Languages: Japanese
- □ Gallery: OK
- □ Studio Tour: NO
- □ Kiln Tour: NO
- □ Type of Firing: Electric/Gas
- ☐ Pottery Lesson: OK \*Contact us
- □ Lesson Fees: From ¥3,000 and up
- □ Parking:
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- □ Credit Card: OK











