

# Kentarogama

**Kentaro Murayama**

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Access: 7 minutes' drive from JR Hamasaki Station.



▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



**Kentaro Murayama**

- ▶ Born in Karatsu.
- ▶ Entered the world of ceramics by following his longing to make tea bowls.
- ▶ Graduated from the Arita College of Ceramics.
- ▶ After finishing an apprenticeship with Kawakami Kiyomi, opened own studio and kiln in Hamatama.

## Intentions embodied in clay

Murayama san started his work in pottery out of the desire to make beautiful Karatsu tea bowls, one by one, without thought to mass production. After graduating from Arita Ceramics College, he completed an apprenticeship with Kawakami Kiyomi before opening his own studio and kiln. The attraction of Karatsu ware for Murayama san is in the 'unknown variables'. Making his work requires research and hard effort. Currently, he is working very hard to develop his Muji Karatsu and Chosen Karatsu style work. In particular, Chosen Karatsu is very hard to succeed at using a climbing kiln, but overcoming the technical challenges is satisfying for him. "Being able to turn your intentions into reality, one by one, is the best part of this job.", he says. Looking out over Karatsu Bay with the pieces of work in the foreground, you can see Murayama san's attitude about ideas and life reflected in them.



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Japanese
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OK
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Wood
- Pottery Lesson:  
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