

# Sugitanigama Ichuan

**Ryuichi Natsuaki**

2490-2 Hieda, Kitahata, Karatsu-shi

Access: 30 minutes' drive from JR Karatsu Station



▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



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▶1947 Born

## A passion for Kishidake clay

Natsuaki san's decision to make pottery was influenced by his father. He built his kiln in Kitahata, which is rich in Kishidake clay. He is partial using local Kitahata clay, and in particular the clay of Mt. Kishidake. While he keeps Karatsu tradition alive in his work, at the same time he creates playful tea ware and western style tableware.

"I want to answer the needs of the times, but at the same time retain the best traits from Old Karatsu ware.", notes Natsuaki san. "As a potter, I have to think about how best to bring the appeal of Karatsu ware to the younger generation."



- Business Hours:  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Closed:  
Tuesdays /  
November 2nd, 3rd and 4th /  
New Year's Holiday
- Languages:  
Japanese
- Gallery:  
OK
- Studio Tour:  
OK \*Reservation is required.
- Kiln Tour:  
OK
- Type of Firing:  
Wood
- Pottery Lesson:  
OK \*Reservation is required.
- Lesson Fees:  
From ¥1,500 and up
- Parking:  
🚗 OK 🚌 NO

