

Togengama

Keisuke Shimaya

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Access: 5 minutes' drive from Chichika Yamada Exit of NISHIKYUSHU EXPWY.



▲Kiln mark/Potter's mark



Keisuke Shimaya

▶1949 Born

▶Apprenticed for 10 years at Osugisarayagama, Tougengama, and Imari, before becoming an independent potter.

Reaching a spiritual place of nothingness, by overcoming adversity

Shimatani san became an independent potter after apprenticing for more than 10 years. Karatsu ware has a history of over 400 years, but Shimatani san wants to focus on making work that speaks to, and fits into the lifestyle of today. Because he has such strong feelings about his work, it is particularly painful when things don't go as planned. When he says, "It's very difficult for me when I am making work.", it is compelling. In his pots, glimpses of the responsibility and rigors of the work come and go. It is important to keep a positive attitude.

As a result, successful pots with nice shapes and good colors bring particular joy. Of all the processes involved in making Karatsu ware, Shimatani san enjoys brush decoration the most, because he feels that the pots come alive when they are decorated. Shimatani san continues working today, completely absorbed in the challenges it brings.



- Business Hours:
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Closed:
Closed Irregularly
- Languages:
Japanese
- Gallery:
OK
- Studio Tour:
OK *Contact us
- Kiln Tour:
OK
- Type of Firing:
Wood
- Pottery Lesson:
NO
- Parking:
🚗 OK
- Credit Card:
OK

