

Nakanotsujigama

Kenji Hirayama

668 Yokota-shimo, Hamatamamachi, Karatsu-shi
 Access: 5 minutes' drive from JR Hamasaki Station



▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



Kenji Hirayama

- ▶1947 Born in Imari-shi, Saga Prefecture.
- ▶1989 Studied Karatsu pottery independently, and began making Karatsu ware in Karatsu.

Self taught, aesthetically unrestrained

Kenji Hirayama took a u-turn in Karatsu, and got his start in Karatsu ceramics through self study. For Hirayama san, Karatsu ware has a gentleness not found in porcelain, and this is its appeal for him. Using old Karatsu ware as his example, he strives continually to make work unique to himself. His spirit of inquiry is never sated, and serves as his motivator in creating his work.

Ignoring trends, he doesn't just want to make work to please customers, but to make work he believes in. He hopes to bring back some forgotten aspects of the Karatsu aesthetic. Recently, he has been less focused on Karatsu ware, and is challenging himself in other directions. His free thinking and straightforward nature is magnetic.



- Business Hours:
9:00 am - 6:00 pm *Contact us
- Closed:
Saturdays / Obon Holiday /
New Year's Holiday
- Languages:
Japanese / English
- Gallery:
NO
- Studio Tour:
OK
- Kiln Tour:
NO
- Type of Firing:
Wood / Gas
- Pottery Lesson:
NO
- Parking:
🚗 OK

