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(3) Uchida Sarayama Pottery

(4) Mizunodaira Pottery

White Porcelain World of Artisans

Amakusa Porcelain: Generations of Enchantment

Amakusa Porcelain: the Highest of Quality

The western coast of Amakusa is Japan's top producer of kaolin in both quality and volume. Amakusa produces 80% of the nation's output (20,000 tonnes per year) and ships not only to the famous porcelain producers of Kyushu, but also to the Kansai and Chukyo regions. Hiraga Gennai, the famous pharmacologist, physician, author, painter, ceramicist, and inventor of the Edo Period, praised it as being of "matchless quality in the world".

Traditional, Beautiful, Amakusa Porcelain - Generations of Art and Skill

Items made from the high-quality kaolin of Amakusa are renowned for their strength and beautiful translucency when fired. Amakusa porcelain is a nationally recognized traditional craft, and many artisans have located their kilns throughout the area.

Amakusa Grand Pottery Fair



Both local and outside artisans come together here to display and sell their wares. During the fair you can try your own hand at throwing a pot or two on a wheel. There is also a ceramics exhibition of the works of selected applicants.

- ■Time: End of October~beginning of November
- ■Tel: 0969-23-1111 (Amakusa City Div. of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism)
- Amakusa West Coast Spring Pottery Market, Amakusa West Coast Pottery Fair



Pottery fairs are held in Reihoku-machi and Amakusa-machi along the west coast of Amakusa. Visit the shops with their displays of the newest pottery works and demonstrations of glazing techniques. Have fun at the fairs while enjoying the fantastic views along the west coast of Amakusa.

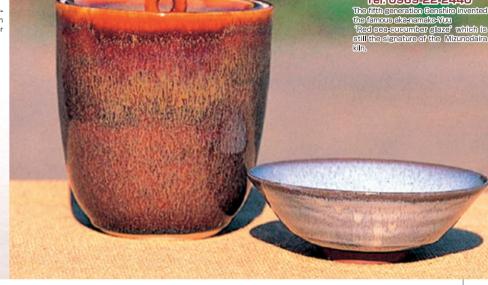
- ■Time: May/Golden Week; Autumn: First half of October
- ■Tel: 0969-42-1111 (of Business & Construction Div., Amakusa Branch)
 Tel: 0969-35-1111 (Reihoku-Machi Business Promotion Div.)

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(5) Ikoi-Toge Gama Kiln

Tel: 0969-32-1525

Using natural local materials as much as possible, the pottery of Ikoi-Toge Gama Kiln presents a heavy, natural feel and quality.



6 Tokyu-Kobo

Tel: 0969-32-2502

ch Opening on a small hilltop in 1999, ge the products of the kiln reflect the ral warm and gentle nature of the potter.



(1) Amakusa Soji Hisashi Gama Ki**l**n

Tel: 0969-42-0287

All pieces are hand-made using such local Amakuse materials as kaolin, clay, glazing, and ash - working together to maximize the qualities of each component.



8 Amakusa Hakuji Tobo Yasu

Tel: 0969-42-0545

In the tradition of Takahana Pottery, Amakusa Hakuji Tobo Yasu continually experiments with new glazes in its creation of new ceramic styles.



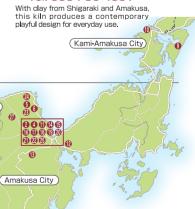
9 Zozo Gama Kiln

Tel: 0964-58-0975
To best describe the designs of Zozo Gama Kiln, think Innovative and Original.



(11) Yoyo Gama Kiln

Tel: 0964-56-4601
With clay from Shigaraki and Amaki



[List of Potters and Kilns]

