

## Tamba-Style Pottery: Charms of One of the Six Ancient Potteries in Japan

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The MOFA dispatched Mr. Takeshi Shimizu, Tamba-Style Pottery master in Sasayama City, Hyogo Prefecture, to Ottawa and Vancouver to give lectures on the history and charms of Tamba-Style Pottery, together with workshops.

Mr. Norihisa Mizukuchi, Executive Director, Hyogo Business & Cultural Center in Washington State, accompanied him to introduce a variety of tourist attractions of Sasayama City, such as renovated Japanese old housing. Through the lectures and workshops of Tamba-Style Pottery, Mr. Shimizu introduced Japanese uniqueness in several aspects, such as custom, culture, climate, as well as politeness and sensitivity.

The audience expressed profound interest in Tamba-Style Pottery. Motivated by Mr. Shimizu's tour to Canada, his kiln and Canadian fine art community agreed to cooperate with each other in order to accelerate their cultural exchanges and to facilitate further introduction of Tamba-Style Pottery to Canada towards the future.

