

TAKANO CHIKKO



竹
bamboo
木
wood



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Takano Chikko manufactures its products at the workshop in Nagaokakyo City in Kyoto Prefecture, famous for the growth of quality bamboo.

In the workshop, craftsmen with various skills such as woodworking joints, Japanese lacquer, maki-e, etc. make a wide variety of products, ranging from tea sets to articles of daily use.



The company staff visits the bamboo forest, develops it, cuts the bamboo, removes the oil, and cleans it. The cleaned bamboo will be dried for years and brought back to the workshop as working material. The craftsmen will work hard to manufacture the product and deliver it to our customers.



竹工芸

bamboo crafts

The Takano Group employs craftsmen who have inherited the skills of bamboo craft, woodworking, maki-e, Japanese lacquer, and wood turning on a lathe, and manufactures tea-ware. Apart from a passion for product manufacturing and the widespread connections of our company's first president, we also have relations with various temples allowing us to use material from buildings named as national treasures or World Heritage Sites and others of equal status.



tea utensils



Fukusai Takano Tadao, the founder and former president of "TAKANO CHIKKO," who died in 2010, was the son of a shopkeeper in a bamboo-crafts store with more than 80 years of history. Therefore, he had been interested in bamboo since his youth and spent his life in the fascinating world of bamboo. Particularly impressively, Takano had great insight into the works of Sen-no Rikyu, who produced tea utensils using bamboo, discovering its natural beauty. Takano decided to become a creator of tea utensils and produced many excellent items. One can say that he devoted his life to pursuing the natural beauty of bamboo. His wishes and skills were passed down to craftsmen working on creating the finest tea utensils not only in bamboo but also other natural materials, thus breathing life into the products.



Daikaku-ji temple in Saga, Kyoto

We undertake the maintenance of the bamboo groves in Daikaku-ji temple. The temple was originally built in the ninth century as a villa for Emperor Saga's retirement.



Nedake Chawan

Using quality bamboo grown in Kyoto which have been kept over 20 years in our repository, craftsmen made one by one bamboo tea bowls finished with over 10 times of wipe-lacquer.



Take Natsume

Tea powder container made of bamboo joints at the top and bottom. The joint's expression is highlighted by Japanese lacquer.



Chashaku

[tea scoop] with hole made by ants. These are the ones selected from among more than tens of thousands of Chashaku.



old material



For a long time, Fukyusai Takano Tadao's passion was the creation of tea utensils, and he had close relationships with many temples. As a result, we were given the opportunity to make products using old building materials from temples that are named as national treasures or World Heritage Sites. There are creators and craftsmen in our company who have Takano' s skills. We would like to maintain good relations with the temples and utilize old building materials to produce goods for daily use and decoration. Eventually, we hope also to create a new brand with these precious materials.

Takano Chikko has produced principally tea utensils for many years. Currently, hoping that many people would discover the charm of old building materials, skilled craftsmen create various items piece by piece with great care. The name of the temple is branded with a hot iron on the side or bottom of each product, as proof of originality.



The Golden Pavilion

Kitayama Rokuon-ji 【Kinkaku-ji】
a World Heritage Site

Old building materials of “Sekka-tei” and
“Ho-jyo”



The Silver Pavilion

Higashiyama Jishō-ji 【Ginkaku-ji】
a World Heritage Site

Old building materials of “Naka-mon” and
“Kannon-den” (national treasure)



Taian Teahouse

Hōkō-zan Myōki-zen-an
a national treasure

Taian is the oldest teahouse in Japan said
to be the only construction certain to have
been created by Sen no Rikyu.
Old building materials of tea house
“Tai-an” (national treasure) and “Sho-in”
(national important cultural property)





te.iku

"te.iku" is a brand produced by Takano Chikko Co., Ltd. that creates various bamboo or wood articles, including tea ceremony utensils. The brand concept is to create products that may maximize the charm of materials such as bamboo or wood by respecting their characteristics. The brand name has several meanings. First, "take" and touch the products. Second, "develop the products and craftsmen," because in Japanese, "te" means hand and "iku" means "to develop." Therefore, we wish our brand would be developed by the hands of our craftsmen and would help craftsmen in future generations develop their skills. We hope that our many wishes might reach our customers.



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te.iku
product

chopsticks



cutlery



turner



accessories

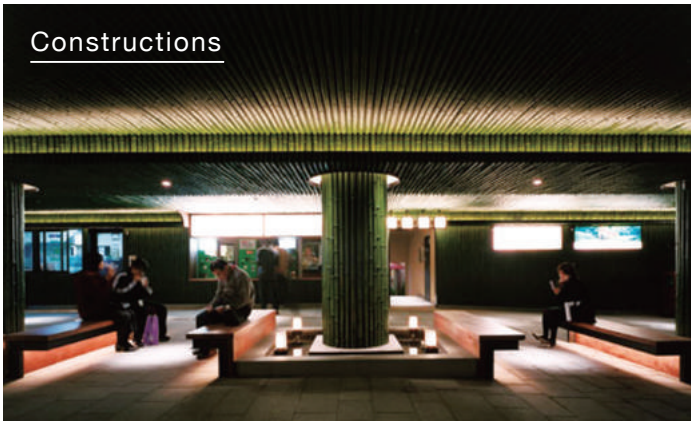


paperweight



chopstick rest





Arashiyama Station, 2004

Takano Chikko constructed “Hannari Hokkori Square” in Arashiyama Station, a Randen (Keifuku-Dentetsu) railway station. Using 3,000 pieces of coated bamboo, we created a clump of green bamboo on the walls and ceiling of the concourse.



Furniture in Kyoto State Guest House, 2005

We are good at making wood and bamboo furniture.
(The flower vase was made by Shokosai Hayakawa (1932-2011), a human national treasure)



Takamura, 2014

Takano Chikko has worked for interior and exterior finish for our store Takamura. We made grids of store's window, placing each other at 20 mm in width, using home-grown Madake and Mousochiku cut into thin line with 5 mm in width. Prize for encouragement at Kyoto Kenchiku Sho (Kyoto Architecture Award) in 2015.



Corporate profile

Corporate name	TAKANO CHIKKO CO., LTD
Start of business	June 1968
Fonder of company	Tadao Takano
Establishment of company	November 1973
Capital fund	40 million yen
Delegate	Miyuki Hamaguchi, President of Takano Chikko Co., Ltd.
Number of employees	20 (in July 2016)
Description of business	Production and sale of artifacts made from bamboo or wood, such as tea utensils, utensils for flower arrangement art, bamboo charcoal, and building materials.
Address	Head Office: Shoryuji Higashi Ochibe 14-15, Nagaokakyo City, Kyoto, Japan
Organizations	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kyoto, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Nagaokakyo City, Kyoto Bamboo Products Cooperative Association, Kyoto Products Exhibition Association, etc.
Store	Higashiyama Gion Bldg. 238-1, Nakanochō, Higashiyama-ku Kyoto-shi, Kyoto, 605-0082, Japon

Corporate history

1941	Opening of “Takano Chikukogei-ten,” a handmade bamboo products store in Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto
November 1973	Establishment of Takano Chikko Co., Ltd., with 50 million yen capital. Installation of head office in Ukyo-ku, Kyoto
September 1979	Establishment of first factory in Nagaokakyo City, with an area of 760 m ² (factory: 330 m ²)
April 1988	Establishment of “Take-no-takumi,” a factory direct-sales division
November 1988	Participation in the establishment of “Rouji-tenpo” in the Museum of Kyoto
July 1989	Establishment of second factory in Nagaokakyo City, with an area of 210 m ² (factory: 96 m ²)
August 1997	Increase in stock to 20 million yen. Enlargement of first factory and relocation of second factory to the same address
June 1998	Establishment of warehouse in Kyotanba-cho
February 2004	Establishment of new building on first factory premises, marking the thirtieth anniversary of the company
August 2006	Increase in stock to 40 million yen
May 2010	Relocation of head office to Nagaokakyo City
October 2014	Opening of directly managed store “Takamura” in Gion, Kyoto

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