

Shiro Kunimitsu Ltd. has produced numerous katana (Japanese swords). Five katana masters live in Omuta. Shiro Kunimitsu has been operating over three generations - for over 200 years. They also produce kitchen knives created using the same method as their katana swords. Wouldn't you like to take home one of these superb quality knives for your kitchen?



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Katana Karuta Card

Swords and
traditional Japanese
playing cards

Katana (Japanese Sword)

(Japanese Swords) are
produced in Omuta,
even now

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Shiro Kunimitsu Ltd.

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[Hours] 9:00am to 4:00pm
[Closed] Sundays, Public Holidays
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Recently Katana (Japanese swords) have been getting more attention in Japan, particularly from young women, thanks to internet games and manga. The national treasure sword "Odentamitsuyo" was born in Omuta in the late 11th century. Odentamitsuyo is famous as one of the five best swords in Japan (Tenka-Goken) and a lot of myths (see below) about this sword exist in Japan. Please savour traditional Japanese culture in Omuta through swords.

Odentamitsuyo
exorcised
evil spirits!



A princess
recovered from illness
thanks to Odentamitsuyo
exorcising evil spirits



"Odentamitsuyo",
one of the 5
best swords in Japan,
was born in Omuta.

Odentamitsuyo

大典太光世



Making Kitchen Knife



The museum has Japan's largest collection of over 12,000 karuta cards. It exhibits many rare cards collected from around the world, including a replica of Japan's oldest card "Tensho Karuta". You can also enjoy playing karuta in the museum. In addition, various historical materials are exhibited, so you can learn the history of Omuta.



Miike Karuta and Historical Museum

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[Address] 2-2-3 Takarazaka-machi, Omuta
[Entry Fee] Free
[Hours] 10:00am to 5:00pm
[Closed] Mondays (the following day if it is a national holiday), the last Thursday of every month, the year-end and New Year holidays
*Temporary closure may take place.
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* The museum is next to Omuta City Library.