**Pottery for Drinking Awamori**

**The Smallest Alcohol Cup in the World?**

Tsuboya pottery includes many special items for drinking, storing, and transporting awamori.

*Karakara and Choko*

*Karakara* are awamori servers. A flat base makes them well-balanced and easy to use. Awamori choko are similar to the small cups used for drinking sake.

*Chibuguwa*

*Chibuguwa* (Okinawan dialect for “small container”) are used for sipping the most precious of aged awamori. Only slightly bigger than a thimble, *chibuguwa* may well be the smallest alcohol cups in the world.

*Yushibin*

These large, gourd-shaped awamori bottles are used to transport awamori intended as a gift, or for celebrations or ceremonies. The receiver transfers the awamori to his or her own container and returns the *yushibin*. The bottle has a “waist” so that it can be easily carried under one arm.

*Dachibin*

*Dachibin* (“clutch bottle”) hang over the shoulder on a strap and carry small amounts of awamori for personal use. *Dachibin* are often ornately decorated to show off the potter’s skills.

*Uninuti*

A large, sturdy awamori flask. The name means “ogre’s arm.”

*Fuchukurubin*

These small containers were filled with awamori and placed in the garments of the deceased during funeral rites. The alcohol inside was a gift to ancestors.