DIRTY DISH STORE

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Business hour: 10am – 5pm Close on Monday

Dirty Dish Store ? Those new to Japan, who hear the "old-timers" raving about a great dirty dish store, may have visions of unwashed pots and pans, but in a store? Actually, the term can be applied to many small shops all over Japan that specialize in porcelain plates, dishes, vases, etc. The dirt comes from the ever-present dust, more in some stores than others. One of the favorites is Hiratsuka, about an hour-and-a-half drive from Yokosuka. In July and August the drive can take up to three hours.

The official name of this shop is **Okada Tokiten**, and the prices are quite reasonable. Many of the items are seconds, so it is a good idea to check for flaws. Take along an old rag to brush away the dust. The owner enjoys dealing with gaijins, and sometimes gives a discount.
If you arrive when he is opening the shop, you will find the aisles full of plants that he also sells. There are wares stacked floor to ceiling and overflowing into the aisles between the shelves, filled with plates, dishes, cups, bowls, teapots, ikebana containers, and many other things. The number of items and the variety vary greatly from visit to visit, so this is one place you may want to go again and again.

Driving direction from Yokosuka:
The trip to the store is half the fun. As you leave the main gate, turn right on Rt. 16. Proceed in either the left or right lane. After passing the Daiei Shopping Plaza, you will pass through 7 tunnels. After the 7th tunnel, turn left onto Rt. 24. You will see a sign for the Zuyo Shindo Toll Road. You will pay ¥200 at the tollbooth a little past the tunnel. Continue straight on this road. At the next major intersection, which is in the outskirts of Zushi, you will see a sign for Rt. 134. Stay on Rt. 134 about 20km until you are almost to the store.

* Passing Kamakura and Enoshima is a beautiful drive along the beach. On a clear day you can see Mt. Fuji across Sagami Bay. There are usually surfers and windsurfers along the beaches. By the side of the Sagami River is a large golf course on both sides of the road. After crossing the river, approximately 3 km, you will see a sign for Rt. 61. Pass Rt. 61 and at the very next stoplight, turn right. You will immediately see to your left a yellow and green children's clothing store by the name, "Doo Skip". Go to the 4-way stop light. As you continue straight through the intersection, the parking lot is on the left side of the road, the Dirty Dish Store is across the street on the right side of the road.

Driving direction from Ikego:
From Ikego Housing gate, go straight down the road then turn left at Rt. 24 (7-11 on your right). Immediately after turning left on Rt. 24, you will make a right on the first street that you will see on your right side (you'll see a hospital on your left). Follow the curving uphill road until you come to a "T" road (police box on your right). Turn left and immediately turn right. Follow the down hill road until you come to Zuyo Shindo (signal light). Turn right, pass Nagae crossroads and keep going until you reach Shonan beach drive. Drive through the tunnel, you will see a sign for Rt. 134. Stay on Rte 134 until you are almost to the store. Continue as above *****.

By train from Yokosuka:
Go to JR YOKOSUKA Station and take the train bound for Tokyo. ☻ Get off at OFUNA Station. Change to TOKAIDO Line bound for Odawara, Atami. Get off at HIRATSUKA Station. Go out of the station through the south exit. Take a bus bound for Nishi Kaigan. Get off at HAMADAKE. The store is down the street.

By train from Ikego:
Go to JR ZUSHI Station and take the train bound for Tokyo (if you need direction on how to get to JR Zushi Station, please take a flier on "How to get to JR Station" under J on the flier rack). **Continue as above ☻.**

Note: It is best to call the shop Tel: 0463-33-1138 before you go to make sure they are open.