DRAGON HEAD ORNAMENTS

- 1. The dragon head ornaments attached to the top of the Karahafu curved gable of the Seiden and at both ends of the roof ridge were made by assembling hundreds of ceramic pieces.
- 2. Each of the concave plaster molds is individually made using a base mold that factored in shrinkage after firing.
- 3. These concave plaster molds are used to create the forms in clay, which are first fired unglazed, then glazed, and given a last firing before being assembled.