

Where is the French Trophy?

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Sumo Fan Magazine has learnt that as of 1200 JST, July 25th, no plans have yet been announced by the French Embassy, Tokyo, pertaining to the return of any French government sponsored trophy or prize for presentation to honbashi makunouchi division winners - regardless of online suggestions to the contrary by one

former embassy staffer. The previous trophy was noticeably absent from the recent Nagoya Basho (July 8th - 22nd) following the May 6th election success of current President of the French Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy - political opponent to former President and renowned sumo fan Jacques Chirac.