

# **Kokugikan + Kids = Wanpaku Sumo**

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Sunday, July 29th will see the Ryogoku Kokugikan once again opening its doors to welcome the All Japan Wanpaku Sumo tournament in which young boys from around the nation ascend the same hallowed dohyo used by their heroes during honbasho to try and prove themselves the best in their respective age groups.

The event will start early in the morning with doors scheduled to

open at 8:30am, wrapping, just as the pros do, shortly prior to 6pm.

Admission is free, the Sumo Museum is open and the building is well air-conditioned – a vital factor in midsummer Tokyo – so if in town, why not get down and give the kids a bit of support?

<http://www.wanpaku.or.jp/>  
(Japanese language)