

Komatsuryu Dojo Autumn Tourney

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Sunday, October 28th will see amateur sumo's most famous 'downtown Tokyo' sumo club – Komatsuryu Dojo – hosting its annual autumn tournament.

Based in the Riverside Centre, Taito-ku, in the north east of the city, the club is far from large, occupying just a corner of the basement of the building and will as ever be packed to bursting with competitors and visitors alike so get there early.

The action usually kicks off around 10-10:30am and as has been the

norm in recent years, 2007 may well see a handful of non-Japanese taking part. America, Australia, England and Ireland have all been represented post-2004.

With Chiganoura Beya literally a few minutes walk away and at least two (current and former) sekitori – Shunketsu (Juryo) and Daishodai as was – former members, there may even be the opportunity to smell the bintsuke should any of the pros turn up to show their support.

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