Tamanoi on the Road

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The ancient artform-cum-sport of sumo is turning into more and more of a business as is evidenced by Tamanoi Beya's decision this year to take paying customers along on their annual sojourn to the home town of the heya's (Tamanoi) oyakata - Soma, Fukushima Prefecture.

For a fee of around 400 US dollars

per person, (just under 40,000 yen) up to 30 individuals will have the chance to enjoy an early August weekend of fun and frolics with their dohyo darlings away from the heat and humidity of the capital.

For the interested, Kitasenju is the place to be - bright and early August 3rd:

