

Tamanoi Beya Festival

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After a morning of dishing out some real time dohyo experience to a group of local Adachi-ku elementary school boys, in conjunction with the local area sumo association, in addition to welcoming a future rikishi recently joined from an amateur club in Tokyo, Tamanoi Beya, Sunday opened their doors to the entire ward as they put on a mini-festival of sorts.



The gang!

1000 yen got visitors a strip of 10 tickets with each of the 'traditional' Japanese festival offerings - chocolate bananas, a lucky (bouncy ball) dip in a pool of water, candy floss, yakitori, frankfurters and flavored, shaved ice, requiring the surrender of a single ticket.

Rikishi and oyakata were everywhere, mingling with the visitors and generally having fun, photos galore were being taken by the local press and fans alike and if the faces of those attending were anything to go by - a great time was had by all - yours truly included.



Shibuya getting in some practice for New Year mochi making



Choco / vanilla and sprinkle bananas - Isoazuma style!



The bloke on the right cooked these - not really!



The heya entrance - few more visitors than usual



The obligatory pool and lucky dip type game