Adachi-ku Kumin Sumo Taikai

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Sunday, November, 18th will see north east Tokyo's Adachi Ward hosting their biannual Kumin Taikai.

The event is targeted primarily at a large number of local lads into amateur sumo although teams from further afield do attend in much the same way as in the Komatsuryu Aki Taikai made famous in recent years by foreign involvement.

Participants in recent years include Marvin Dangerfield Junior - now in Ozumo with Oitekaze Beya and Kazuyoshi Shibuya with Tamanoi Beya. Former Ozeki Tochiazuma was himself seen at the club in his early days on the dohyo and an appearance by any of the

Tamanoi rikishi not making the trip to Kyushu would not shock many in the local area on the day given the close relationship between the club and the heya. (Adachi's Amateur Sumo Association being responsible for much of the planning behind the recently reported Tamanoi Matsuri on October 21st)

Unlike the Komatsuryu Taikai, the Adachi Ward event is held on a sunken dohyo in one of the best local government, amateur set-ups in Tokyo at the Senju Sports Center near the Hibiya, Isesaki and Keisei Lines.

For more detailed access details contact <u>SFM's Editor-in-Chief</u>, a local who will be attending himself.