

## Brazil to be out in force in Thailand



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In one of very few positive signs for the mid-November, 2007, SWC in Chiang Mai, SFM has learnt that at least the Brazilian team will be up to strength and attending in numbers.

The team are not expecting to take any medals home - the event being seen as more of an upward learning curve as all bar two appearing will be debutantes with only Luciana Watanabe (lightweight female class and a participant at the 2002 World Games who won a bronze in the team event) and Takahiro Higuchi, (3rd Place at the 1999 1st Junior World Championships) having any prior international experience.

In total, the team will consist of ten rikishi and three support staff - one coach, one team chief and one manager.