

# Meiji Jingu Dohyo-Iri

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Later than usual, Meiji Jingu Shrine in the heart of Tokyo, will this year (2008) host the annual dohyo-iri ring entering ceremony in its Outer Courtyard on January 7th starting from 3pm.

The event will feature two

yokozuna for the first time since Hawaiian Musashimaru retired at the end of 2003 - and will feature the Shiranui form of dohyo-iri as performed by Hakuho - the first time this particular dohyo-iri will have been seen at the shrine since former Wakanohana retired.