

# Kokugi Konnections

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## Hakuho Club

<http://www.hakuho-club.com/>

Fantastic site dedicated to Yokozuna Hakuho, his career, and in part, his private life.

With areas in which fans can post comments for Hakuho to read, see his own post bout comments daily, and if unable to view the action live or on TV, view the shiro / kuroboshi count as the basho progresses, this is really the site to bring him closer to his fans whilst keeping him at the distance he should remain given his rank.

All the usual personal details and career stats coupled to a page enabling Hak to post his own comments – he isn't that up to date it must be said!, a wonderful collection of pics from his childhood, through his early days

in sumo and all the way up to the present as well as info on how to join his supporters club – with various price options to suit all pockets – rounds out a great site well worth the visit – and well worth the bookmark.

One snag – in Japanese – but isn't that all the more reason to learn the lingo?

## Chiganoura Beya

<http://www.szumo.hu/chiganoura/prog/index1.html>

In the interest of spreading linguistic fairness around a tad – and we have focused on Japanese language sites a bit of late – this one, in Hungarian, is looking at Chiganoura-beya to the north of Asakusa in Tokyo's Taito-ku.

Hosted and run by a well known

fan of the heya's Hungarian rikishi Masutoo – all round nice guy and friendly face in sumo to boot with a massive hand that always crushes mine! – the site is a little slow to update but gives some interesting views of the life in a stable as seen by visitors mixed in with some shots the rikishi themselves see daily.

Japanese and English language versions are linked to the top page which also shows readers a look at the oyakata and his own career back in the day, gyoji, and several images of the heya when the rikishi are not going through their paces on the keikoba.

Worth a look but as for bookmarks? Hmm, if a personal interest but otherwise – perhaps not.