

Kokugi Konnections

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Each issue of SFM, Todd Lambert – our man online – will bring you a review of some sumo related sites to be found on the World Wide Web. Enjoy.

<http://homepage2.nifty.com/naruto-beya/>

Not the best laid out heya page in the world but one worth a look around for fans of Naruto Beya out in the Chiba sticks to the north-east of Ryogoku.

The site is itself largely centered on the top page, with the standard (for heya) profiles of all the rikishi, recent results etc.

Interestingly, Naruto does feature a Hero of the Month although it is a tad outdated - the last winner receiving the Hero badge back in October of last year.

A message from the boss - Naruto Oyakata, as well as his own profile from his days on the dohyo, and info on how to join the supporters association all but wrap the page, with the exception of the members only BBS side of things, which,

while worth the visit, may limit those outside Japan in terms of comprehension being solely in Japanese (although shikona are listed in the 'easier' hiragana and kanji)

<http://homepage3.nifty.com/hanakago-tanimachi/>

According to the page count at time of writing, 405,000 folk have visited this site dedicated to the rikishi and set-up at Hanakago Beya since 1998!

More of the same - a la Naruto - the Japanese only page is far more interesting than that of Naruto in terms of pics and images - even the heya OB (old boys) section getting its share. Of note for those into facts and figures may be the career numbers in this same OB section.

Not one of your more popular of

heya, and one page most will never look at - until now perhaps! Why not do what they say - and support Hanakago with the founder?

<http://www.minezaki.com/>

Not much going on here, and we'd skip it all together were it not for the opportunity to remind you of CG's coverage from the [Minezaki senshuraku party](#) back in January - and to bring to your attention a cartoon SFM's artistically challenged E-i-C probably produced!

They do have the usual collections of numbers, records and pictures of the heya, chanko and the like and it is worth a quick 5 mins if nothing more!

That cartoon again - certainly makes our SFM lads in SE Asia look good!