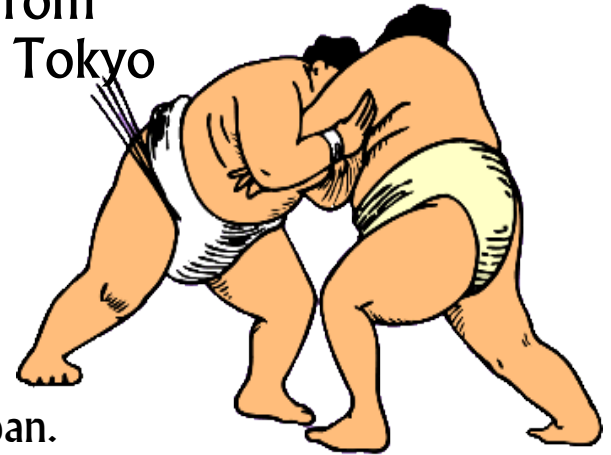


*A rare opportunity in Hilo!*

# SUMO DEMO

by Sumo wrestlers from  
Nittaidai University in Tokyo

Sunday, February 22, 2015  
Waiakea Rec Center  
(1634 Kamehameha Avenue)



1 pm — 3 pm

- Short video on the various aspects of sumo.
- Demo by six student sumo wrestlers from Japan.
- An opportunity for children to interact with the sumo athletes.

***Free Admission!***

*Do you recognize anyone in either photo or have info about the Hawaii Island Sumo Kyokai? Please come and share your stories and information.*

In 1881 King David Kalakaua visited the Emperor of Japan during his world tour where he witnessed the popular Japanese sport SUMO. This inspired him to encourage Japanese migration to Hawaii; these migrant workers established sumo tournaments in which local Kanaka Maoli were invited, instigating the sport in Hawaii.

Sumo was a very popular sport on the Big Island for many decades under the auspices of the

**Hawaii Island Sumo Kyokai**  
(undated pictured at left)



This free event is presented by:  
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Photo taken at a Sumo tournament in Hilo Armory, date unknown