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The 18th Nigiwai Festival Ryogoku—the Home of Sumo

April 28 (Sun.) 10:00-10:30
Opening ceremony
Greetings from local officials
School brass band

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ちゃんこ Chanko Tasting ミエージュアム



Traditional sumo cuisine (chankonabe)
Signature hotpot dishes from popular restaurants & food stands



Ekoin (Buddhist temple)

At this historic temple,
you can experience
a Japanese tea ceremony and
sutra copying and coloring.

 **SHOP**
Affordable accessories
and clothing from
local stores for souvenirs

 **PLAY**
Model train
handcrafting workshop
for children

 **CULTURE**
Various events
to experience Japanese culture

***Bilingual staff with local knowledge can guide you!**

Event Overview
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FESTIVAL HOURS:
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FESTIVAL LOCATIONS:
Front of the west exit of
JR Ryogoku Station (JR Sobu Line)
and 回向院 the Ekoin (temple grounds)



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PERFORMANCES
 April 28 School brass band; sumo wrestling songs; taiko (Japanese drums)
 April 29 School dance; ohayashi (traditional Japanese festival music); koto (Japanese zither)

Experience the Splendor and Excitement of the 18th Nigiwai Festival in Ryogoku—the Sacred Home of Sumo

Have you ever heard of Ryogoku? This tourist destination nestled in the heart of Tokyo is a hidden gem full of friendly locals and exciting opportunities to learn about ancient traditions. The Ryogoku Nigiwai Festival 2024 will be held on April 28 (Sun.) and 29 (Mon.). The themes for this year's event will be food, shopping, and fun.

One of the unique attractions of this festival is the opportunity to have fun comparing the various *chankonabe* dishes that can be found in Ryogoku, the sacred home of sumo wrestling. Enjoy sampling the unique flavors offered by Ryogoku's famed chankonabe restaurants and see if you can discover a new favorite taste!

Chankonabe is a hot pot dish eaten daily by sumo wrestlers seeking to strengthen their bodies. It is full of vegetables, meat, and carefully selected Japanese delicacies, making it a perfectly-balanced source of nutrition. Each sumo stable makes its own version of chankonabe using secret special ingredients.

Enjoy some chankonabe and a draft beer as you watch the locals put on spectacular performances in this elegant Tokyo district. You should also take the time to sample some of the amazingly delicious street food, such as *takoyaki* (fried batter balls containing minced octopus).

Don't miss out on this sumptuous experience!

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Event Details

Chankonabe (Three Booths)

Six chankonabe restaurants will be serving up their signature hotpot dishes at three dedicated booths. Other booths at the festival will offer a variety of other cuisines, including Mongolian dishes, Japanese

sweet dumplings, fresh grilled fish, and takoyaki.

A serving of chankonabe will cost 500 yen (approximately USD 3.30). Payment must be made in cash (Japanese yen).

Shopping Area

Ryogoku's prosperity is due in large part to its textile industry, so you will find a wide range of clothing on display during the festival. Whether you're looking for something unique to treasure or simply want a few souvenirs to take home, you're sure to find what you seek here.

Play Area

A local toy manufacturer has arranged a workshop that will let children put together their own toy trains. Visiting children will be welcome to chat and play with the local kids as they create special Japanese toy trains together.

Performances

Beginning with a performance from brass bands from local schools and some dances, the festival will showcase traditional Japanese performing arts, including *ohayashi* (traditional Japanese festival music) and sumo wrestling songs.

The 28th will also give you an opportunity to enjoy the soul-stirring vibrations of Japanese drums, while the following day will enchant you with the ethereal sounds of the *koto* (Japanese zither), leaving you with cherished memories of this event. The festival will also feature hula dancing and ukulele performances.

Japanese Cultural Experiences

Visit the Ekoin to personally experience various vital facets of Japanese culture, such as tea ceremonies and the copying of colored sutras.

What is the Ekoin?

The Ekoin is a Buddhist temple with a history stretching back over 360 years. The temple was founded in 1657 in the wake of the Great Fire of Meireki, a tragedy that took place in Japan's Edo period. To memorialize the more than 100,000 victims of the fire, the ruling Tokugawa shogunate ordered that a monument be built and religious service held on the land now occupied by the Ekoin. This temple is also considered to be the birthplace of Sumo wrestling.