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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Dear Parents,

On **Saturday 30th October**, students from Grades P1 to 7 are invited to attend the Autumn Sumo Tour at Green Arena. The Sumo Tour is an annual travelling event during the off-season, which visits town and cities which don't host regular Sumo events. The day-long event begins with light hearted games, and ends with a tournament. In between there are a variety of cultural displays. HIS has received a special invitation from the event organisers and entrance will be free for all students. The PYP class teachers have kindly volunteered to accompany the students on this trip for the entire day. In addition to this, a few HIS students will be able to enter the ring to take part in the "Kids vs Sumo" part of the programme which will be great fun for those participating and watching.

Any parent who wishes to attend this event and sit with the HIS group (on the second floor), can purchase tickets through school. The cost is ¥4,000 per person. Please complete the reply slip and place the cost of the tickets in an envelope clearly marked with your name, your child's name and grade. However, if you would prefer to sit on the first floor (ringside), then you will have to purchase tickets separately (please contact Yumiko Barker: [info@gsneeds.com](mailto:info@gsneeds.com)). Thank you.

We will meet at 10am close by the Green Arena and parents/an adult should drop off and collect their children from the same place at 14:40. The exact meeting place will be confirmed closer to the date. Please see below for the itinerary.

Time	Event
10am	Meet the PYP teachers - Location to be confirmed closer to the date
10:30	Kids vs Sumo Wrestlers matches
11:00	Sumo bouts performed by Jonidan, Sandanme, Makushita wrestlers
12:00	Fun games, drum playing and songs (There will also be time to meet the wrestlers, obtain autographs and take photos with them) Lunch
12:40	Entering the ring ceremony and bouts by Juryo wrestlers.
13:20	'Tsunajime', a ritual in which Yokozuna, the grand champion puts on his 15kg rope belt.
13:30	Entering the ring ceremony for Makuuchi wrestlers
13:50	Entering the ring ceremony for Yokozuna
14:00	Sumo bouts performed by Makuuchi wrestlers
14:30	HIS students leave the Green Arena to be collected by parents/an adult at 14:40. Location to be confirmed closer to the date.

The students will need to bring a packed lunch, a snack, water bottle, a hat and a small notepad and

pen to collect autographs. All students are required to wear their **Blue HIS T-shirt**. Cameras are permitted but students will need to take full responsibility for these on the day.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend this event, please complete the slip below and return it to the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

If you would like a chance for your child(ren) to enter the ring, please also contact Yumiko Barker directly ([info@gsneeds.com](mailto:info@gsneeds.com)). This event will begin at 10:30am.

For further information about the Autumn Sumo Tour, please see <http://sumo-hiroshima.com/>

Reminders of what to bring and any further details of where to meet will be posted in The Crane closer to the event.

Thank you,

Nigel Barker

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My child(ren)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

will attend the Autumn Sumo Tour on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please also purchase adult tickets (sitting with the HIS group) on my behalf for the people listed below. I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ x ¥4,000 = ¥ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Adult name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.