



“ Supermarket” of tricks

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Almost every performance by Mongolian sumo wrestler, D.Batbayar sends waves of cheers across Japan and makes the headlines in the press. Batbayar has the title of Kyokushuzan and belongs to the top division of Japanese Sumo wrestling.

Among sumo fans he is known as a “supermarket of tricks”. Experts admit that he has brought innovation and dynamics to the traditional sumo wrestling. Coming from Mongolia, he often uses Mongolian wrestling techniques, taking down his massive competitors by sheer smartness and surprise.

Old Japanese sumo fans say he often uses tricks long forgotten even by Japanese sumo wrestlers. Most Japanese agree that sumo wrestling became different after Batbayar entered the arena.

He has won the hearts of the Japanese by his cheerful personality, his renditions of traditional Mongolian songs and ... sniper golf strikes. Batbayar also has a talent for story-telling, and his recently published book of memoirs has become a bestseller. Not surprisingly, he today enjoys the genuine love of many Japanese.

His successful debut in sumo has led many young Mongols to try out a new field, and there is an surge in interest in sumo wrestling among Mongolians, who are watching keenly the success of their fellow countryman.

Batbayar Wedding News

D.Batbayar's both Japanese and Mongolian fans were most surprised to learn last autumn that he is about to become a happy father. The bride, P.Buyanbileg, was studying in Japan when she met first D.Batbayar. In early spring she gave birth to a girl whom the parents named Ariunzaya which means Pure Destiny. The couple's wedding ceremony will take place on May 27 at the famous Park Hakozaki Royal hotel and more than 800 guests are expected to be invited.

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