



## Japan Day Sunday 16th Nov 2008

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Japan Day was fun this year. We had a great turnout to the demonstration and had participants from beginners through to our udansha. This year, we even brought along the kids. There were a few hiccups – a missing set of mats, getting lost in the local Big Boys Toy show traffic etc. But, unbelievably, we finally made it and put on a really great show!

There were suwari waza techniques, tachi-waza techniques – as well as all our crowd pleasers – jyu waza and weapons taking.

We really have to congratulate all those who took part and, as you'll see in the photos – putting on an energetic and enthusiastic performance. An extra special thanks to the dojo members who turned up just to support us. Even a couple of Howick members came and lent their skills. Carlos from Argentina was an unexpected pleasure! I'd really like to add my heartfelt thanks to the patient Dads of the juniors who waited for two hours until it was time to get on stage. The kids were getting very restless but they handled it like pros.



A fantastic time had by all thanks to the children, adults and supporters who attended.