



‘Animation x Paralympic’: Who Is Your Hero?

Ep. 4 to be broadcast! Ryo-san comes to NHK?!

‘Ani x Para’: Who Is Your Hero? (<http://nhk.jp/anipara>) depicts Para-athletes in Japanese anime series known worldwide. This project aims to bring to life heroes of Para sports using the captivating characters and rich stories that popular manga artists create. It will feature more and more types of Para sports for the year 2020.

This time, the series collaborates with the anime *KochiKame: Tokyo Beat Cops*, and offbeat police officer Kankichi Ryotsu...tries out goalball?! Other familiar characters also return. What kind of story will unfold in the long-awaited new episode of *KochiKame* that takes place in the world of ‘Ani x Para’? Watch for Ryo-san’s antics as well!

■What is *KochiKame*?

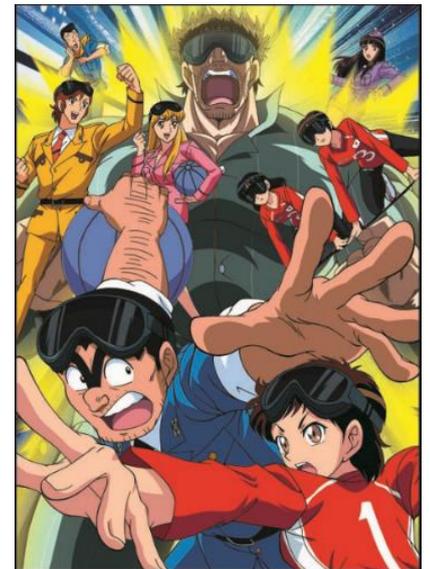
The popular manga series *KochiKame: Tokyo Beat Cops* ran in *Weekly Shonen Jump* magazine for 40 years. Kankichi Ryotsu (known as Ryo-san) is an offbeat police officer working at Kameari-koenmae police box who loves making money. Ryo-san, the celebrity-like Nakagawa and Reiko, the extremely serious Section Chief Otsu, and countless other characters with unique personalities tell a human but comedic story that features slapstick.

■Plot

Ryotsu and his colleagues visit the goalball venue to inspect it, as they are in charge of security. They end up playing a real game with the Japanese national goalball team, which had been practicing. Ryotsu uses every trick in the book to win, but...

■What is goalball?

It is a sport created for persons with vision disabilities. Players toss around a ball with bells inside while wearing eyeshades and try to score more points than the opposing team. The Japanese women’s goalball team won the gold medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.



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■Schedule for broadcast

The series will be broadcast on channels NHK BS1, NHK General, and NHK Educational in November. Episodes(English version) will be broadcast on NHK WORLD-JAPAN and posted on the website (<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/vod>). Videos are also available on the project website (<http://nhk.jp/anipara>) and the official NHK YouTube channel.