

Japan baseball teams make more use of IT

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Some of Japan's newer baseball teams are using information technology to improve the game experience for fans, a local daily reported Monday.

The Nihon Keizai Shimbun said that the two-year-old Fukuoka Daiei Hawks has the Yahoo! Dome as its home base in southern Japan, and the dome is equipped with Internet connections throughout so that fans can log into information about players and other details that would make the game more enjoyable for them.

Meanwhile, the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles will be offering free, live Internet broadcasts of their games.

Japanese software group Softbank is the owner of the Daiei Hawks, while Rakuten is one of the country's biggest online retail companies.

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