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## Japanese quiz champion wins Canadian log cabin

Few Canadians can pinpoint the location of Pritchard, British Columbia, on a map. But 40 million Japanese will soon know all about it. They are the television audience for the Trans America Ultra Quiz VII, Japan's largest television game show.

For the first time in its history, the world-wide competition ended up in Canada, in Pritchard, and the grand winner Hisashi Yokota, 25, became the proud owner of a Canadian log cabin, to be assembled by himself after two days of expert instruction.

His road to victory was long and

arduous, ending September 30 when he became the King of Quiz. It began September 3 in a Tokyo baseball stadium where more than 11 000 contestants were gathered, luggage and passports in hand, time off work arranged just in case they were selected.

### All expenses paid

By the time the questions ended, just 100 remained for the trek to Tokyo International Airport and from then on it was all expenses paid. But not all boarded a plane: 47 more were eliminated at the airport. After that, it was

elimination and a ticket home with every stop — from Guam to Vancouver, Calgary and Niagara Falls and several US stops, including Los Angeles, St. Louis, Boston and New York.

"They have to have general knowledge," explained Masako Inoue, interpreter with the television company producing the show. "Plus, they have to study where they're going." But she added, the contestants never know exactly where the continuing quiz show will be held.

The final contest-winning question was asked atop the Pan Am Building in New York City: What is the largest kind of amphibious animal living on earth?

### Quiz king

The answer — the rare giant salamander, native to east Asia — established Hisashi Yokota, owner of a traditional inn in Tokyo as King of Quiz, landing him in Kamloops the next day for instruction in log-house building and a two-day visit to Pritchard.

Other grand prizes have included an acre of land near Las Vegas, a trip to New York City, ownership of a racehorse, a kit to construct an airplane, Texas oil stocks, and last year an around-the-world airline ticket.

This year was the first in which Canada was included in the quiz eliminations. It was added, Miss Inoue said, because Canada is listed as most-favoured destination by the Japanese.

Why a log house? "It's something new and nice," she said. "In Japan, it's hard to buy houses, very expensive, and it's a dream for everybody."

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## Donation to international disabled agency

A global self-help training program for the disabled, led by Canadians in Winnipeg, received \$425 000 from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recently.

Disabled Peoples International (DPI), with headquarters in Winnipeg, was founded at the first World Congress of Disabled Peoples' International held in Singapore in 1981. Today it has members in some 70 countries. The driving organizations behind the establishment of DPI were the Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped of Canada and its counterparts in other countries.

Canada continues to be a leader in the international disabled movement. Not only will CIDA's current donation finance organizational and planning train-

ing for DPI's member associations in developing countries, it will also establish regional co-ordinating offices to help developing countries participate in the implementation of the World Program of Action of the UN Decade for Disabled Persons, 1983-1992.

Since its founding Congress, DPI has gained consultative status with the United Nations, has participated in drafting the World Program of Action to be implemented during the UN Decade for Disabled Persons, and is working with the UN Department of Public Information to develop a public education program for the decade. Two successful training seminars have already been held in Dakar, Senegal (1982) and Bangkok, Thailand (1983).



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## New name, new phone services

The Trans-Canada telephone system consortium has changed its name to Telecom Canada and is introducing two new satellite-based services that reflect the name change.

Stratoroute 2000 is the first commercial offering of the Integrated Services Business Network, which allows clients to integrate satellite and terrestrial telecommunications operations. The service was developed with Telestat Canada and uses the *Anik C* series of satellites.

Also announced was the Conference 600, a two-way video service that will be offered in seven cities. It provides telephone conferencing as before, plus video which allows participants to see each other's reactions.