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# Japan Screen Topics

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MASAYOSHI OHIRA  
--NEW PRIME MINISTER--

137 ft. 3 min. 48 sec.

1. (STREET) Campaigning begins for the presidency of Japan's ruling Liberal-Democratic Party. Takeo Fukuda... party President and Prime Minister of the government since 1976... seeks reelection. The post of prime minister also is at stake, since that position goes to the president of the ruling party.
2. (MAN MAKING SPEECH) Presidential candidate Yasuhiro Nakasone... holder in the past of important cabinet positions.
3. (MAN IN CAR) Toshio Komoto... Minister of International Trade and Industry at the time of the election... also seeks the party presidency.
4. (OHIRA) Also mounting a campaign is 68 year-old Masayoshi Ohira, a leading figure in the Liberal-Democratic Party for two decades. In the past, he has served in many top cabinet positions.  
More than one million ruling party members and supporters are eligible to vote.
5. (HEADLINES) Election day brings victory to Mr. Ohira.
6. (FUKUDA) Mr. Fukuda concedes defeat in a graceful speech. Still an important figure in the ruling party, he promises his cooperation with the new Ohira administration.

7. (OHIRA) Mr. Ohira thanks his supporters in a victory news conference. He asks for the good will of the losing candidates.

8. (CONVENTION) The party's convention acclaims the results of the election.

Soon after his victory, Mr. Ohira said that his new administration would mean no change in Japan's basic foreign policy of seeking friendship with all countries.

The losing candidates join Mr. Ohira on the platform in a show of party unity.

9. (DIET BLDG.) Although Mr. Ohira now is ruling party president, it is the Diet... Japan's parliament... that must elect him prime minister. Since the Liberal-Democratic party is numerically dominant in the Diet, his selection as prime minister is a foregone conclusion.

(SPEAKER) The speaker announces the results... and Mr. Ohira officially becomes the 43rd man to serve as prime minister since the cabinet system was adopted in 1885.

10. (LAST) The new premier's first duty is to select his cabinet. For that task, he moves into the Shusho Kantei, the official residence of the Japanese prime minister across the street from the Diet building in Tokyo.

(POSE) The cabinet is quickly appointed and poses for its commemorative portrait on the steps of the official residence. After a ceremony of attestation before His Majesty the Emperor, Japan's new administration is ready to begin its role in history.

#### FISH FROM AFAR

45 ft. 1 min. 15 sec.

1. (INTRO) Raising decorative fish long has been one of the most popular hobbies in Japan. Today it extends far beyond Japan's



native fish. Exotic tropical specimens also are in demand.

One of Tokyo's unique dealers is Yoshio Ishigaki, with a store in Tokyo only five meters square. He uses the business to finance his education and post graduate travel plans.

Some of Ishigaki's specimens sell for as much as one thousand, six hundred dollars.

2. (GYMNARCHUS) The gymnarchus is one of the South American imports on display in Ishigaki's store...

(FISH ON SAND) Another is the banjo fish.

(FISH ON ROCK) This one is called a green knife.

(FISH CLOSE) Synodontis... a Latin American variety of catfish.

(BLACK FISH) An evasive fellow... they call him the black ghost.

(RED FISH) An aggressive fighting fish.

Exotic pets from the tropics that will add a touch of beauty to homes in Japan.

### HAGI--LITTLE GIANT OF JAPANESE HISTORY

152 ft. 4 min. 13 sec.

1. (INTRO) In the lovely country at the west end of Japan's main island of Honshu lies the famous old city of Hagi.

Hagi's modern population is only 53,000, but it had a role in Japanese history all out of proportion to its size.

Many of the leaders of the 1869 Meiji Restoration that put Japan on the road to modernization were raised in the Hagi area.

Today it is a museum city, a magnet for tourists because of its historic role and because of its pre-modern architecture.

2. (EARTH WALL) Homes of samurai... or knights... the ruling class in Japan before 1869... still line Hagi's streets, behind earth walls pierced by quaint wooden gates.

3. (FISH) Colorful Japanese carp abound in Hagi's Aiba River.

(WALL) Still preserved in Hagi is the Soka Sonjuku School where many of Japan's reformers of the 19th Century studied under a great teacher, Yoshida Shoin.

4. (TEMPLE) The Tokoji Buddhist temple, built in 1691, was the place of worship of the Mori family, lords of the Hagi district in medieval times. Stone lanterns still decorate the graves of the Mori clan's leaders.

5. (HAND AND CUP) Decorative pottery is a prominent area of Japanese art, and plays an important role in the Japanese tea ceremony. Hagi yaki... or Hagi pottery... is a unique product, famous throughout Japan.

It is still produced in Hagi by traditional craftsmen employing potters wheels, with techniques that differ little from those of the middle ages.

6. (KILN) After moulding, Hagi yaki pottery is kiln-baked for 30 hours. These craftsmen are removing the colorful pottery after unsealing a kiln. Position of the baking fires is shifted from day to day to achieve special effects of beauty.

7. (POTTERY) Here are finished samples of Hagi yaki, cleaned and polished after their journey through the kiln.

8. (HORSE) Horse drawn vehicles carry tourists through the Akiyoshi Plateau, a 132-square-kilometer limestone table land near Hagi, fascinating to geologists.

9. (CAVE) Akiyoshi, now a government protected area, is the site of Asia's largest limestone cave, the result of a process of natural development extending over thousands of years.

The cave's downward pointed stalactites grow in length at a rate of only three centimeters every 200 years. The upward pointed stalagmites gain length at only half that speed.

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With its historical traditions and natural wonders, the Hagi area has flowered into an important center of the Japanese tourist industry.

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