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- > I was a promotional only sort of title, very few copies of it
- > were made (hence the extreme rarity and high price that it fetches).
- > Last I heard it was getting \$1,500 per copy.

Actually, afaik it was a regular title done by NHK that wasn't sold in game stores just like Circus Lido. Akiyama Jin is sort of a "professor" from a series of TV shows on NHK. NHK is a channel in Japan run by the government, so the kind of shows it produces are akin to what you'd see on PBS (ie educational, shows about Japanese culture, news, foreign language instruction, etc). Akiyama Jin teaches various things and is targetted towards kids.

- > It has 2 parts, one is an interactive comic, the other is a quiz
- > sort of game. Both parts appears to have math problems in them.
- > Of course they are completely in Japanese, so soem knowledge is
- > needed to get anywhere in them.

I've never seen the game in action, but this particular title has math as its focus. "Suukagu" in the title means mathematics, but Akiyama Jin TV shows, books, tapes, etc teach other things such as science. Basically typical elementary school-type topics.

- > (I would love to see any images, if you can email them to me
- > I can put them up on pcecp.com -- I do have a copy of this title,
- > it came in a jewel case with no manual, only backing art, so I
- > do not know if it is 'compelte' or truly missing the manual since
- > I have no idea how it was actually distributed. It is included
- > on PCECP, but I have not had a chance to uplaod images for it yet)
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- > Anyone else care to chime in and fill in the missing details ?

If I remember correctly, this game came with a book (or maybe just a large case that looked like a book) that, from the pictures I've seen, look like your standard PCE Mook size (ie Hyper Catalog series, Emerald Dragon Demo + mook). I have a small picture if this, I'll try to find it and stick it online somewhere.

As for the \$4200 dollars that this game isn't worth, sometime early last year, reminiscent of Circus Lido craze, Amazon Japan carried this game brand new for the original price of Y8400. By the time I found out, they were already gone and oddly enough, the game appeared on Yahoo auctions commanding over \$3000 soon after.

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