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Young designer wins unique contest to commemorate anniversary of Canadians at D-Day

June 5, 2007 – With the anniversary of the D-Day (June 6, 1944) to be commemorated across Canada tomorrow, national think tank The Dominion Institute has announced the winner of a unique contest aimed at young designers.

Rahul Desai, 21 years of age, has been selected as the winner of *Designing History*, a contest that encouraged young designers to create 3-D models of artillery, landing craft, ships, defenses, buildings and planes from the Normandy landings, for upload onto Google Earth, the virtual globe program.

“The Dominion Institute was very pleased to receive models created by young designers from around the world”, said Jeremy Diamond, Director of Programs at the Dominion Institute. “This challenge showed that young people are interested in exploring the past using new technologies and we hope the contribution of our veterans will continue to be recognized by generations that follow.”

Mr. Desai, from Mumbai, India, created a model of the HMCS Haida, the most famous ship in the Royal Canadian Navy. To commemorate the anniversary of Canadians at D-Day, Rahul will be awarded \$1944.00. His design is currently featured on the Dominion Institute and Google SketchUp websites.

To view Rahul Desai’s winning model, and all of the submissions to *Designing History*, visit www.dominion.ca/dh_index.htm. The designs can also be accessed by searching under ‘Designing History’ at the Google 3D Warehouse at <http://sketchup.google.com/3dwarehouse/>

Designing History is an initiative of the Dominion Institute, a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history and civic culture. See www.dominion.ca for more information.

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