Underwater volcano may be world's largest A volcano found beneath the Pacific Ocean may be the largest JAPAN on Earth, according to scientists. The Tamu Massif is some 60 times PACIFIC bigger than the previous record OCEAN holder. Mauna Loa in Hawaii. and even rivals the largest known volcano in the solar system -Olympus Mons on Mars Hawaiian TAMU MASSIF Islands Extinct shield volcano, originally thought to be three separate entities when discovered Tamu Massif: 1,600km from Japan. 20 years ago by Summit lies 2,000m below surface William Sager from University 200km of Houston 125 miles Although not as tall as Mauna Loa. Tamu Massif rivals **MEGAVOLCANOES** Olympus Mons in Height (km) terms of its footprint Olympus Mons (Mars) 26km . Mauna Loa Tamu 9.17km Massif Tamu Massif Olympus 10 4.4km Mons © GRAPHIC NEWS Source: Nature Picture: William Sager, University of Houston