

Kaoru Ueno and me as leader. We climbed the west ridge from the Ghanohim Glacier. There had been three unsuccessful Indian attempts on the mountain. We walked with 30 porters from Uttarkashi to Base Camp at Topoban at 14,100 feet. We began our climb on April 29. The mountain was so far away that we made Advanced Base on the Gangotri Glacier at 14,750 feet on May 13. Camp I was at 16,075 feet at the foot of the west ridge. We climbed a snow face to reach the west ridge and placed Camp II on the crest at 17,550 feet on May 17. A rock step prevented our continuing on the west ridge and we traversed steep snow toward the left and set up Camp III at 19,350 feet on a narrow snow ridge. There were many crevasses between Camp III and a col on the north ridge, where we established Camp IV at 20,500 feet on May 29. The north ridge was snow-covered hard ice. Also on May 29 Hashimoto and Tanimura left Camp III very early and reached the summit and eleven A.M. The following day Ueno and I left Camp IV and Yamanaka and Mizuno left Camp III and all of us got to the top at ten A.M.

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*Bhagirathi I, South Ridge Attempt.* An expedition from Tokyo failed to climb Bhagirathi by its south ridge. Base Camp was established at Nandanban at 14,450 feet on August 14; Camps I, II and III were at 15,250, 16,750 and 19,550 feet. On September 1 the leader Toshio Matsunaga, Takeshi Furihata, Yakitaka Kaneko and Masao Someya were turned back at 20,175 feet by rotten rock.

*Bhagirathi I, Southeast Ridge.* All thirteen men and two women of the Japanese Kanagawa Prefecture Expedition completed the first ascent of the southeast ridge of Bhagirathi (6856 meters, 22,494 feet). Base Camp was set up on September 7 at Nandanban at 14,500 feet. After Advanced Base Camp was established on the 11th at 15,425 feet, the route was worked up a glacier which led to the col between Bhagirathi I and P 6477. Camps I and II were placed at 18,550 and 20,850 feet on September 20 and 27 on the southeast ridge. On September 29 Ken Kanazawa and two others reached the top, followed on September 30 by Hideaki Naoi and three others, on October 1 by Takao Sato and three others and on October 2 by the leader Hisatoshi Takabayashi, two others and the liaison officer.

*Bhagirathi II and III, 1979.* We had little information about this part of Garhwal. The only clear fact was that Bhagirathi II had been climbed. We found out after the expedition that the first ascent of Bhagirathi III had been made from the west, from the Gangotri Glacier in 1933 by Dr.