

and-snow face between Camps II and III. We had good weather on every day.

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*Langtang Ri.* Virgin Langtang Ri (7239 meters, 23,750 feet) was climbed by its south ridge by a joint Japanese-Nepalese expedition led by Hideyuki Uematsu. Base Camp was established on September 20. On September 30, immediately after the big storm, Camp II was set up. After establishing Camp III on October 2, they returned to Base Camp for several days' rest. On October 10 Noboru Yamada, Makihiro Wakao, Soichi Nasu and Ang Rinji Sherpa reached the summit. On October 11, Minoru Iizawa and Isashi Nakaota got to the top.

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*Ganesh III Attempt.* By the summer of 1981, Ganesh III (7132 meters, 23,400 feet) was still unclimbed despite two Japanese attempts in 1980 and another in the spring of 1981. An expedition of ten Japanese and two Nepalese, led by Hiroyasu Shirakabe, attempted the south ridge, the same route on which the Japanese spring expedition of 1980 got to 6750 meters. They placed four high camps. On May 5 they got to 6800 meters (22,310 feet) but had to give up because of a lack of snow pickets and fixed rope and because of the onset of the monsoon.

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*Ganesh III, First Ascent, North Ridge.* Ganesh III had unsuccessfully been attempted six times before our expedition: 1953, spring, New Zealanders, north ridge to 18,000 feet; 1954, spring, Japanese, northwest ridge; 1971, spring, Japanese, northeast spur to 17,700 feet; 1980, spring, Japanese, south ridge to 22,150 feet; 1980, fall, Japanese, northeast spur to 18,375 feet; and 1981, spring, Japanese, south ridge to 22,300 feet. Our Nepalese-German expedition was composed of my wife Dietlinde, Ang Chappal, Nga Temba, Nyma Tensing and me. Our route was on the north ridge (UIAA difficulty III, IV, V) and north face (IV and V). We established camps as follows: Base Camp, Camp I, II and III at 12,800, 16,400, 18,700 and 20,675 feet on September 9, 21, and 29 and October 7 respectively. On October 16 Ang Chappal, Nga Temba, Nyma Tensing and I, accompanied by members of the Nepalese-Japanese Kyushu Dental College expedition, Nobuhide Kuwahara, Joji Nakamura, Nobuhiro Hase, Tendi Sherpa and Kirke Sherpa, reached the summit (7132 meters, 23,400 feet) on October 16. The other expedition had climbed the northeast spur. Our routes met at Camp III. From there, both expeditions took the same route on the north face.

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