

*Phurbi Chhyachu, Jugal Himal.* Our joint expedition made the first ascent of Phurbi Chhyachu (6658 meters, 21,844 feet) by its southwest ridge. We were three Nepalese and sixteen Japanese. We left on March 25 and got to the Jugal Base Camp at 13,625 feet in the Balephi Khola on April 2. On April 7 we set up Camp I at 14,275 feet on the Phurbi Chhyachunbu Glacier after an easy three or four hours from Base Camp. We took six hours to Camp II at 17,050 feet, established on April 12. In this part we had to climb a 135-foot rock step and 30° to 65° snow with three more 65-foot rock steps. We placed Camp III at 19,025 feet on April 22, first climbing a snow ridge to 17,875 feet, a treacherous rock ridge for another 1000 feet and finally a 150-foot ridge of 60° ice to camp. We prepared the route above to reach the edge of the summit icecap at 20,500 feet on April 30. This part of the route was up 40° to 75° ice and was particularly steep for the last 135 feet. The icecap, which rose to the summit, was a wide snowfield. On May 1, Nepalese Ang Phuri and Pemba Lama and Japanese Hajime Takigami, Shintaro Kurokawa, Hiromitsu Okamoto, Humihito Ogawa and Takashi Singaki left Camp III at 7:45 A.M. and got to the top at 1:45 P.M. On May 3, Sakurahiko Fujikawa, Isao Hatori, Miss Junko Khono, Hiroyasu Ihara, Kazunoli Takezawa, Takashi Nishioka, Hisanobu Shimizu, Miss Chizuko Ohoi and I left Camp III at 5:20 and reached the summit at 9:45. We fixed 6500 feet of rope and placed 60 ice screws, 60 rock pitons and 120 snow pickets.

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*Longpo Gang or Big White Peak.* A joint Japanese-Nepalese expedition made the second ascent of this peak (7083 meters, 23,238 feet) via the east ridge, the same route taken by the Japanese in 1962. They set up Camps I, II and III at 15,425, 17,625 and 21,650 feet on April 5, 12 and 25 respectively. On May 3, leader Koji Kato and Sherpa Norbu Jangbu reached the summit. Takashi Kurokawa, Hiroshi Zamaguchi and Yoshitsugu Deriha also got to the top on May 7.

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*Dorje Lhakpa.* An expedition of eight Japanese and three Nepalese first tried the northeast ridge of Dorje Lhakpa, which they found too difficult, and then switched to the west ridge to complete the second ascent. The summit (6990 meters, 22,933 feet) was reached on April 26 by Tazunori Tanaka, leader, Keisuke Shibata, Migushi Ishihara, Yuzi Katsuhiko, Ikunori Nurotani, Kotaro Takahashi and Hiroshi Honjuku on April 26 and by Yutaka Saito and Sherpa Chhewang Karma on April 29 from Camp III.

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