

Suzuki, Takashi Miyazaki, Toshiyuki Fukui, Toshiaki Jinnai, Takayoshi Taga, Takashi Takeuchi, Tomoharu Tada, Dr. Naoto Toma and I as leader. On March 23 we reached Base Camp beside the Langtang Glacier at 4200 meters. Camp I was placed at 4800 meters on March 28. The route to Camp II ascended a gully and was placed in the col at the foot of the southeast ridge at 5600 meters on April 5 after four days of storm. The most difficult part of the climb was between Camps II and III on the ridge, where we fixed rope and wire ladders on steep rock and ice. Camps III and IV were established at 6100 and 6500 meters on April 19 and 29. On May 3 Fukui, Taga, Tada and Takeuchi reached the summit (7234 meters, 23,734 feet).

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*Langtang Lirung Southwest Ridge.* The eight-man expedition which I led established Base Camp at 4250 meters on September 18 below the previously unclimbed southwest ridge. We placed Camps I, II and III at 5100, 5500 and 6000 meters on September 22 and 27 and October 1. Our progress was slowed by bad weather. On October 4 we tried to get to Camp IV but could get to only 6500 meters. On October 8, Yoon Kye-Jung, Song Suk-Hee, Sin Chang-Jin, Jon Weon-Sik, Ang Rinzing Sherpa and I left Camp III for the summit at four A.M. but did not reach until ten P.M. a snow wall of 80°, where we bivouacked. The next day we climbed the wall and got to the last pitch of the southwest ridge, where at 7000 meters we set up Camp IV. On October 10 we six left Camp IV at six A.M. and got to the summit at ten.

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*Langtang Lirung Attempt.* A Spanish expedition of five led by Miguel Angel Puertas attempted to climb Langtang Lirung by its southeast ridge, successfully ascended by Japanese in the spring of 1986. Strong winds prevented the climb. The highest point reached was 6300 meters, gained by Javier Valero on October 13.

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*Ganesh I Attempt.* Our expedition consisted of Micheline Matile, Christian Meier, André Kohler, Michel and Marie-Rose Geissbuhler, Laurent and Christine Paillard, Patricia Mercier and me. We placed Base Camp on April 20 at 3800 meters on the Song Jung Glacier, southeast of Ganesh I. We had three high camps at 4500, 5100 and 5600 meters on the southeast ridge, established on April 23, May 1 and 2. We had hoped to climb the south ridge higher up. Two members got to 5800 meters on May 3, but we had to abandon the climb on May 6 because of bad weather, heavy snowfall and wind. Above 5700 meters there was a 600-meter-high steep slope with dangerous snow.

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