

set up Base Camp at 4300 meters on April 12. They put Advance Base at 4700 meters on the 13th and Camp I the next day at 5450 meters on the west face of the mountain's southwest peak. On April 16, Park and Nima Tamang stood atop the southwest peak (6154 meters, 20,190 feet), having thought they were headed for the highest summit. On April 18, the same pair were back in Camp I and the next day pitched Camp II at 5800 meters on the south face of the main peak (6327, 21,086 feet). On April 20, the two left at 3:30, were on top at 11:30 A.M and back in Base Camp at 11:30 P.M.

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*Langsisa Ri in Winter.* A Korean expedition led by Lee Dong-Myung made the sixth ascent of Langsisa Ri, climbing its south face. On December 14, Kim Bo-Youl and Dawa Tshering Sherpa reached the summit.

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*Langtang Ri Winter Ascent.* An expedition of three Koreans made the sixth ascent of Langtang Ri (7205 meters, 23,638 feet). On December 9, leader Park Young-Seok, Youn Tae-Young and Nepali Bir Bahadur Tamang reached the summit via the southwest ridge.

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*Langtang Lirung Tragedy.* An eight-member Japanese expedition from Hosei University in Tokyo attempting Langtang Lirung via the southeast ridge ended in tragedy. On March 29, four climbers ascending to Camp I at 5600 meters were struck by a huge avalanche at 4900 meters and carried down 600 meters. Noruo Matsumoto was miraculously able to free himself from the debris and was not even injured. The three others were killed. The survivors and two Sherpas searched for them, finding the bodies of Noriyuki Futami and Yasuhisa Kuwashina. The body of Masahiro Hisamoto could not be found.

*Langtang Lirung, Swiss-West German and British-Irish Ascents.* There were two successful expeditions on Langtang Lirung (7234 meters, 23,734 feet), both by the southeast ridge. On November 10, Swiss Markus Baumann, Frau Dorothee Landolt, Martin Lochstampfer and Fritz Mauer reached the summit, followed the next day by the Swiss leader Hans Berger, German Fräulein Barbara Leitz and Swiss Liselotte Schmidt. On November 12, Irishman Declan MacMahon got to the top, completing the 12th ascent of the peak. He was a member of the expedition led by Briton Andrew Creigh.

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*Ganesh IV (Pabil) Attempt.* Our expedition to Ganesh IV or Pabil (7052 meters, 23,136 feet) was composed of Dr. Pedro Rossi, Miguel A. Vidal, José