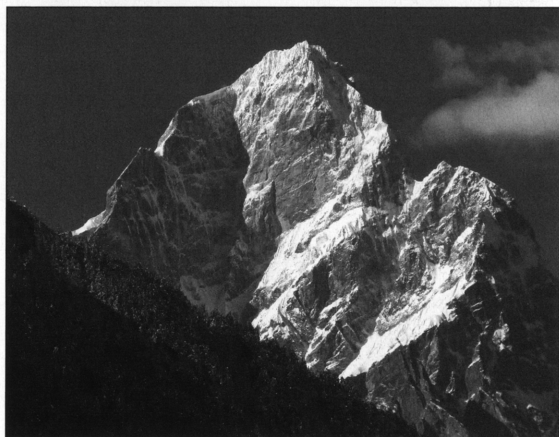


A rarely seen view north from the slopes of Minya Konka toward (A) Jiazi (6,540m), (B) Peak 6,130m, (C) Peak 6,130m, (D) Peak 6,130m, and (E) Mt. Edgar (E Gongga, 6,618m). The Korean first ascent of Edgar followed the upper section of the west (left skyline) ridge, the lower part being obscured by the snow-covered rocky ridge in middle distance. *Courtesy of Korean Alpine Federation*

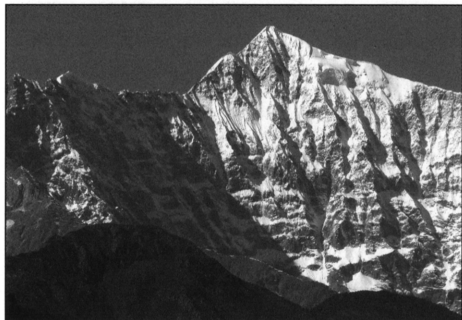
ridge in 1998 (during the ascent one member was lost, and the Koreans returned to the mountain in 2000 to try to find the body), returned in 2001 with Lee Yong-boo and Kim Yong-jai and climbed Edgar by a predominately snow/ice spur on the west face. They established three camps, the highest at 5,900m, before Kim Jae-myung and Lee Yong-boo crossed a foresummit and reached the corniced main summit. Edgar, which lies north of Minya Konka, is named after J. Huston Edgar, an archaeologist with the China Inland Mission, who was an important developer of the historical and topographical knowledge of this region



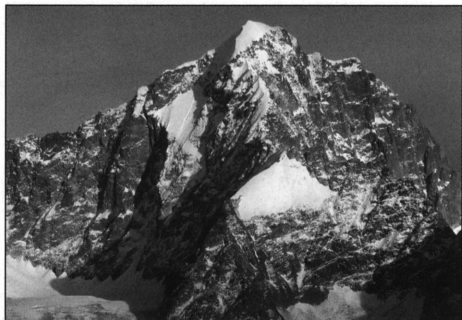
The unclimbed southeast face of Mt. Edgar (E Gongga, 6,618m). *Tamotsu Nakamura*

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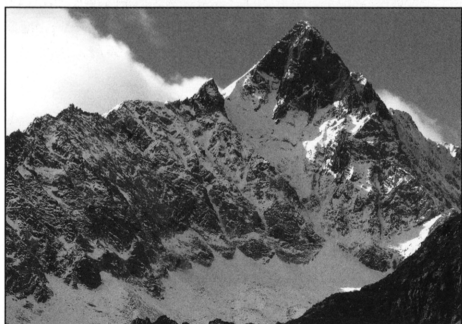
*Daxue Shan, exploration.* After his travels in southeast Tibet, Tamotsu Nakamura traveled to the Daxue Shan to inspect an unclimbed 6,000er south of the Minya Konka Range. On the way he photographed the Lamo-she massif southeast of Kangding (Lamo-She, 6,070m; Baihaizi Shan, 5924m). In fact until last year there were no records of any exploration in the Lamo-she region



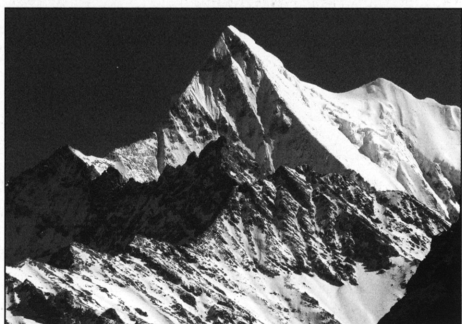
Baihaizi Shan (5,924m), the second highest peak in the Lamo-she massif southeast of Kangding, seen from the east. *Tamotsu Nakamura*



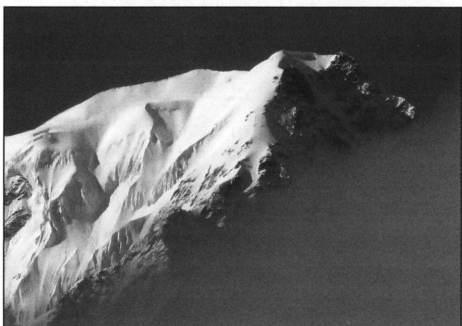
East face of Peak 5,878m in the Lamo-she massif south-east of Kangding. *Tamotsu Nakamura*



East face of Xiaqianla (5,470m) in the northern Daxue Shan, northwest of Dangba. *Tamotsu Nakamura*



The southwest face of 5,958m Xiaruoduo (Chanadorje) in the Gongga Xueshan (Kongkaling Range), east of Xiannairi. As with Xiannairi and neighboring Yangmaiying, access to this fine peak is strictly controlled by the Deocheng County Government, and for environmental reasons a permit is unlikely to be granted. *Tamotsu Nakamura*



The south face of Ren Zhong Feng (6,079m), south of the Minya Konka Range. It is one of the few unclimbed 6,000ers in Sichuan. *Tamotsu Nakamura*

nor photos of an unclimbed and unnamed 6,079m peak at N 29°18' E 101°25'. Nakamura suggests the name Ren Zhong Feng, as it lies in the valley north of Ren Zhong Lake. It remains one of the few unclimbed 6,000m peaks in Sichuan.

The Japanese explorer also traveled to the northern part of the Daxue Shan to photograph the fine unclimbed pyramid of Xiaqianla (5,470m) northwest of Dangba. Access to various peaks including Xiaruoduo, Xiannairi, and neighboring Yangmaiying is strictly controlled by the Deocheng County Government; for environmental reasons they are unlikely to grant a permit at this time.

1A collection of images of these fascinating mountains, some of which are reproduced here, appear in *Alpine Briefs* Issue 2 - January 2009

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