









Team Miura Summits Everest!!

(May 26, 2008 - 7:33 Nepal Time;10:48 Japan Time)

Yuichiro Miura (75), an internationally renowned professional skier and adventurer, and his Miura Qomolangma 2008 expedition team reached the summit of the world's highest peak Mt. Everest (Chinese name-Mt. Qomolangma; 8848m) from the Nepalese South East Ridge Route today at 7:33 am Nepal Time.

Team departed Camp 5 (C5; 8400m) at 24:15 Nepal Time and summited after 7 hours of climbing.

Yuichiro Miura's comment on the Summit (dispatch to BC):

"I've just reached the summit! Thank you!! It was definitely a harsh and challenging climb, but I am overwhelmed by joy and happiness. It is truly a blessing to be able to stand on the Everest summit twice even after I had become septuagenarian. The view is unbelievably wonderful. I can see everything and all the Himalaya giants are congratulating me!"

Summiting Members

Japanese

- Yuichiro Miura (75)
- Noriyuki Muraguchi (51)
- Kazuya Igarashi (48)

Climbing Sherpas

- Mr. Ngatemba Sherpa
- Mr. Nima Kancha
- Mr. Phur Gyalzen Sherpa
- Mr. Nima Nurubu Sherpa
- Mr. Ongje Sherpa
- Mr. Tamting Sherpa
- Mr. Tashi Sherpa
- Mr. Pemba Gyalzen Sherpa

Total of 11 Members

This time challenge for Yuichiro Miura was a challenge to his own limits; after being the oldest man to summit Everest at the time in 2003, Yuichiro Miura suffered severe case of arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) and had undergone two heart surgeries in December 2006 and June 2007.









Yesterday (May 25th, 2008) a Nepalese septuagenarian Mr. Min Bahadur Sherchan had renewed the world record of oldest man to summit Everest at age 76. Although Yuichiro was not able to make that record, he has made another genre of record; Yuichiro Miura is the first and only man in the world to summit Mt. Everest twice as a septuagenarian. Furthermore, this summit marked the 5th Everest summit for Noriyuki Muraguchi, renewing his own record as most Everest summits as Japanese.

Yuichiro's second son Gota Miura (38) who had been challenging for the same summit experienced early symptoms of HACE (High Altitude Cerebral Edema; type of mountain sickness) during the ascent to C5 (8400m) yesterday. With his father Yuichiro's strong will, Gota made a courageous decision to forsake this time ascent. Gota safely descended to Camp 2 yesterday, and is scheduled to be back at BC today. His physical condition is well on its way to recovery.

Team Miura will descend to South Col Camp 4 (8000m) today, May 26th. The team is then scheduled to descend to Camp 2 (6450m) tomorrow, and be back at BC on Wednesday, May 28th.

Yuichiro Miura is scheduled to be back in Japan around June 3rd.

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