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Heart of unclimbed Nyainqentanglha East – over 6000m peaks

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## The 11th Piolets D'Or Asia 2016

The Piolets d'Or Asia Awards, whose purpose of establishment is to encourage Asian mountaineers who achieved pure and visionary ascents and explorations, celebrated its 11th anniversary. This award sponsored by Man and Mountain Publishers (Korea) and known as Oscar Award of Alpinism, has been leading the development of Asian mountaineering culture for the last 10 years, and also suggested the way of future-oriented climbing and exploration to Asian mountaineering community.

The Award Ceremony was conducted on November 4, 2016 in Seoul, Korea. Chairman of the juries was Koji Hagiwara, Yamakei Publishers (Japan). The winners of the award were the following.

Lifetime Achievements – Tamotsu (Tom) Nakamura, Japan

Korean Team – Gangapurna south face new route (Annapurna Region)

Chang-Ho Kim, Suk-Mun Choi, Joung-Yong Park

Japan Team – Kurobe Golden Pillar at Tsurugidake in North Japan Alps

Koji Ito, Yusuke Sato, Kimihiro Miyagi



(from left) Dr. Lee In-Jeung, Tom Nakamura, Kim Chang-ho, Christine Pae



(from left) Suk-Ha Hong (president of Man and Mountain), Koji Ito, Kim Chang-Ho----



(from left) Dr. Lee (UAAA President), Nakamura, M. Kawasaki, K. Hagiwara (Yamakei)

# Unveiling Hidden Mountains along the Yarlung Tsangpo

## South Tibet–November 2016

An elderly team of T. Nakamura and T. Nagai entered the forbidden south Tibet for exploring and identifying hidden/unknown 6,000m peaks along the Yarlung Tsangpo.

The region is very sensitive and now strictly restricted and controlled because of being close to China (Tibet)-India border. No foreigners are allowed to travel unless they obtain a special permit from the Public Security Bureau and Chinese Liberation Army in charge of Tibet Autonomous Region.

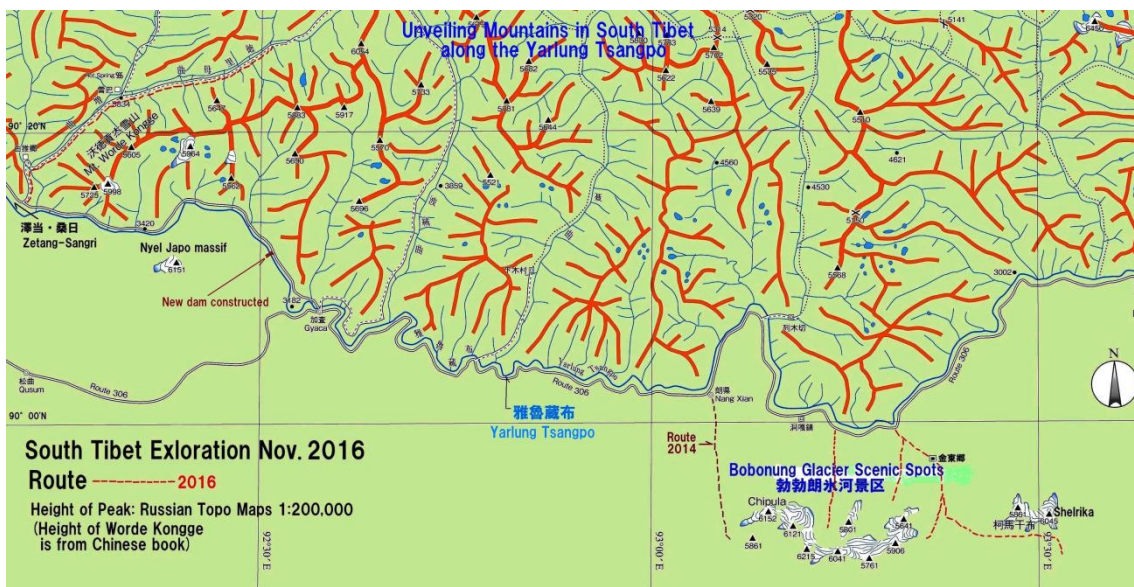
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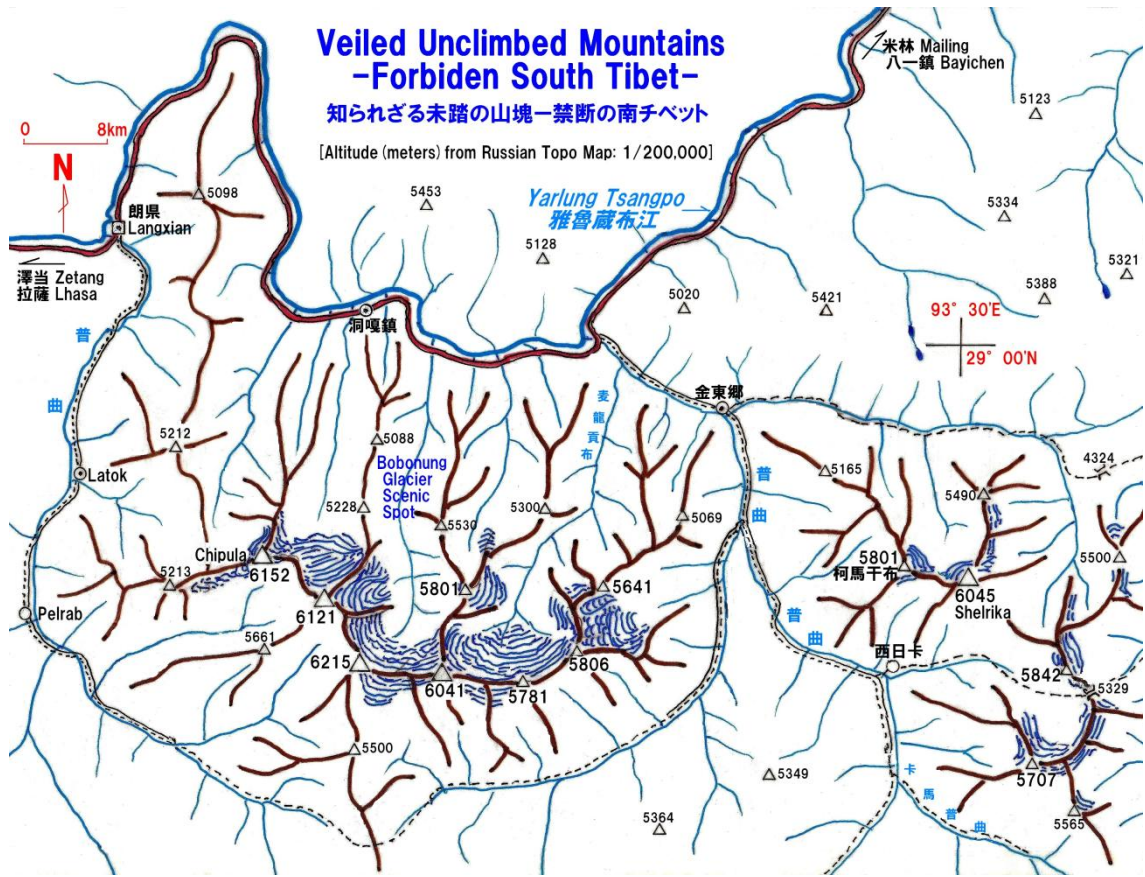
**Main objective:** Peaks surrounding Bobonung Glacier Scenic Spots

**Other objective:** Outstanding rock peaks of Nyel Japo massif

Holy mountain Worde Kongge north of Yarlung Tsanpo

They also visited a holy mountain and lake shown in the end of this photo gallery. The mountain is one of nine Bon's creators of the Tibetan universe.





Shelrika 6045m south face northeast of Jindong 金東鄉



**5842m peak west face southeast of Shelrika 6044m**



**6041m peak north face in the middle of Bobonung massif**



**Peak close to 6000m northwest face of Bobonung massif**



**Stunning 6000m peak northwest face of Bobonung massif**



**6000m peaks surrounding Bobonung Glacier valley, north face (1)**



**6000m peaks surrounding Bobonung Glacier valley, north face (2)**





6000m peaks surrounding Bobonung Glacier valley, north face (3)



6000m peaks surrounding Bobonung Glacier valley, north face (4)



**Chipula 6152m northeast face of the west end of Bobonung massif**



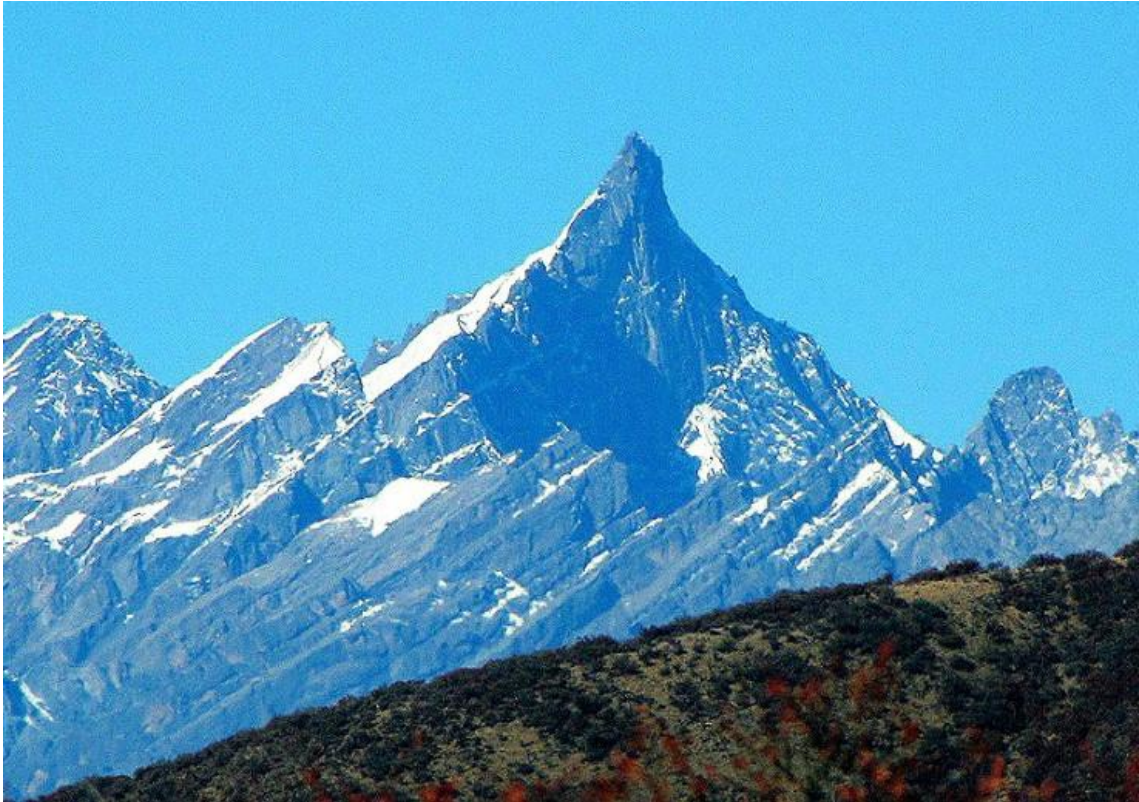
**6000m peak southeast of Chipula northeast face of Bobonung massif**



**(left) Chipula 6152m northwest face, (right) 6121m/6215m northwest face of Bobonung massif viewed from Dalha Gampo Monastery 4180m**



**6121m (foreground) and 6215m (background) northwest face of Bobonung massif viewed from Dalha Gampo Monastery 4180m**



**Nyel Japo 6150m (Russian map) east face, a massif of rock peaks**



**Leftmost: Nyel Japo 6150m (Russian map) north face  
Next of rightmost: Lang Lha Risang ca. 5700m**



**Nyel Japo 6150m north face soaring immediate south of Yarlung Tsangpo**



**ca. 5500m rock peak east face west of Nyel Japo**



**Holy Worde Kongge (Ode Gungyel) main peak 5996m northwest face**



**Beautiful Lake Yamdrok and two 6000m peaks of Kareg Jawpo (left 6100m, male) and Kareg Jawmo (right 6000m, female)**

## Yarlung Tsanpo – a Hive of Construction

### “What is now happening in the frontier” Paradox of Development

We travelled through the Yarlung Tsangpo valley for unveiling hidden unclimbed mountains close to the south bank from the 8th to 23rd of November, 2016.

Problem was to obtain a permit to enter the areas not opened for foreigners. Since 2008 when fierce turmoil by local Tibetan broke out in Lhasa, controls and restrictions over foreigners have been becoming tighter year by year. In particular a route along Meiling to Zetang is sensitive and foreigners are not allowed to travel because of the reason why the area is close to the Indian border, notwithstanding Chinese nationals may freely visit. We met no foreigner at all throughout travel from Bayichen to Zetang. We were watched and inspected every day by police of Public Security Bureau (PSB).

In the other hand, the Yarlung Tsangpo valley is in a hive of construction of dam and tunnels–bridges of 500km railway from Lhasa to Bayichen. In fact the narrow valley is just sites for tremendous civil work. We visited historical places too en route.

Lhasa, capital of Tibetan Autonomous Region which was previously a forbidden and mysterious city, is now rapidly changing to most modern town.



Map of Yarlung Tsangpo and surrounding area



Completed dam (1) between Gyaca and Sangri 12/11/2016



Completed Dam (2) 12/11/2016





**Construction site for new dam between Gyaca and Sangri 12/11/2016**



**Railway (Lhasa-Bayichen) construction between Langxian and Gyaca 11/11/2016**



**Railway construction on river stream between Sangri and Zetang 12/11/2016**



**Memorial Hall of Dalai Lama 13th birth place between Langxian - Gyaca 11/11/2016**



Lhasa – Potala Palace and city main road, department store (left)



## Bon's nine (9) Creators of Tibetan Universe

Father – Ode Gungyel (Worde Kongge)

Eight Sons –

1. Yalaxianbo
2. Nyainqentanglha
3. Maqen Kangri (Amnye Maqen)
4. Gokchen Dolra
5. Gampo Lhaji
6. Xialha Guipo
7. Jewo Yulgyel
8. Kareg Jawpo (male) and Jowmo (female)



Beautiful Lake Yamdrok and two 6000m peaks of Kareg Jawpo (left 6100m, male) and Kareg Jawmo (right 6000m, female)



**Yalaxianbo 雅拉香波 main peak 6635m (left) west face and south peaks (right) west face slightly lower than the main peak. South peaks remain unclimbed.**



**Nam Tso and Nyainqentanglha north face  
(from left) Southeast Pk 7046m, Central 7117m, Middle 7111m, Main 7162m**



**Nyainqentanglha northeast face seen from near Damshung**



**Father of Bon's creators, Ode Gungyel (Worde Kongge) 5596m (left) northwest face**



**Gampo Lhaji north of Yarlung Tsangpo with historical Dalha Gampo Monastery**



**Maqen Kangri (Amnye Machen) 6282m north face in Qinghai Province**

## Three International Events in Kathmandu, Nepal

November 17 – 23, 2016

- ① Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the First Successful Ascent of  
**Mt. Kangchengjunga and Mt. Makalu**
- ② International Conference on Mountain Tourism, Climate Change, and  
Earthquake in Nepal
- ③ UAAA (Asian Alpine Association) General Assembly

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# Mt. Makalu & Mt. Kanchenjunga Diamond Jubilee Celebration

**MT. KANCHENJUNGA**

Mt. Kanchenjunga Main is the third highest peak in the world. It rises to 8586 m. above the sea level. Mt. Kanchenjunga Main lies in the far eastern part of Nepal. Mr. George Christopher Band and Mr. Joe Brown of UK scaled for the first time on May 25, 1955 via South West Face. Latitude: 27° 42' 09" and Longitude: 88° 09' 25" Height: 8,586m Location: Taplejung

There are two more Kanchenjunga peaks, which are as follows: Kanchenjunga (South) 8476 m. Kanchenjunga 8470 m.

First Nepali Climber: Mr. Ang Phurba Sherpa topped Mt. Kanchenjunga Main on May 14, 1980 Normal Ascent Route: South West Face Caravan Route: Klm Taplejung/Mamankha/Hangshudun-Cheram-BC Total no. of Summiters: 344 till December 2014

**MT. KANCHENJUNGA SUMMITEERS:**

**SUMMITEERS OF MT. KANCHENJUNGA - FOREIGNER**

FIRST - 25 May 1955	SECOND - 26 May 1955	THIRD - 31 May 1977

**SUMMITEERS OF MT. KANCHENJUNGA - NEPALI**

FIRST - 14 May 1980	SECOND - 15 May 1980	THIRD - 17 May 1980



**MT. MAKALU**

Mt. Makalu is the fifth highest peak in the world lies in eastern part of Nepal. Mt. Makalu rises to 8482 m. above the sea level. Mr. Jean Couzy and Mr. Lionel Terray from France scaled Mt. Makalu for the first time on May 15, 1955 via West Face. Latitude: 27° 53' 23" and Longitude: 87° 06' 20" Height: 8,482m Location: Sankhuwasabha

First Nepali Climber: Mr. Ang Chawal Sherpa topped the mountain on May 1, 1978 Normal Ascent Route: North West Ridge Caravan Route: Klm Tamringar Chichia/Kum/Yak Kharka-BC Total no. of Summiters: 434 till December 2014

**MT. MAKALU SUMMITEERS:**

**SUMMITEERS OF MT. MAKALU - FOREIGNER**

FIRST - 15 May 1955	SECOND - 16 May 1955	THIRD - 17 May 1985
JEAN COUZY (FRANCE)	GUIDE MASHOUE (FRANCE)	JEAN BOUYER (FRANCE)
LIONEL TERRAY (FRANCE)	PHILTSYENORBU SHERRA (INDIA)	SERGE COUPE (FRANCE)
	JEAN FRANCO (FRANCE)	PIERRE LENDU (FRANCE)
		ANDRE VALARTE (FRANCE)

**1ST, 2ND AND 3RD SUMMITEERS OF MT. MAKALU - NEPALI**

ANG CHAWAL SHERRA (KHARIKHOLA, NEPAL) - 1 MAY 1978  
 NGATEMBA SHERRA (KHARIKHOLA, NEPAL) - 10 MAY 1978  
 NAWANGTENZING LAMA (NEPAL) - 25 MAY 1978

If any names and/or photos of other record holders of summits of Mt. Makalu and Mt. Kanchenjunga are missed, we request you to please forward these details to us at:

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**SUMMITEER OF 14 PEAKS ABOVE 8000 METER**

	VICTOR YUKI GROSEJU (YUGOSLAVIA) - MT. MAKALU ON 13 OCTOBER 1975 AND MT. KANCHENJUNGA ON 1 MAY 1985
	ZOHANN HANS KAMMERLANDER (ITALY) - MT. MAKALU ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1986 AND MT. KANCHENJUNGA ON 18 MAY 1988
	RENHOLD MESSNER (ITALY) - MT. KANCHENJUNGA ON 6 MAY 1982 AND MT. MAKALU ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1988
	SERGIO MARTINI (BORN 29 JULY 1949) IS AN ITALIAN MOUNTAINEER. IN 2000, HE BECAME THE SEVENTH PERSON TO CLIMB THE FOURTEEN EIGHT THOUSANDERS, HAVING DONE SO DURING 1983-2000
	IN AUGUST 2011, AUSTRIAN CLIMBER GERLODE KASTENBRUNNER BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO CLIMB THE 14 EIGHT THOUSANDERS WITHOUT THE USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY OXYGEN
	MT. MAKALU IN 2001 AND MT. KANCHENJUNGA SOUTH-HIGH RIDGE IN 2003-SOUTH-WEST RIDGE IN 2006
	THE FIRST WOMAN WHO SUMMITED ALL 14 EIGHT THOUSANDERS WITH NO DISPUTED CLIMBING WAS THE SPANISH EDURNE PASANAN, IN 2010.
	MT. MAKALU ON 16 MAY 2002 AND MT. KANCHENJUNGA ON 18 MAY 2005.
	MINGMA SHERRA ELDER BROTHER HAS BEEN THE FIRST SOUTH ASIAN TO SUMMIT ALL OF THE 14,800 MOUNTAIN AND YOUNG BROTHER MR. CHANGING DAWA SHERRA HAS BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY MEET HIS BROTHER MINGMA AND HOLD THE RECORD FOR YOUNGEST 8000 M SUMMITTER IN THE WORLD.

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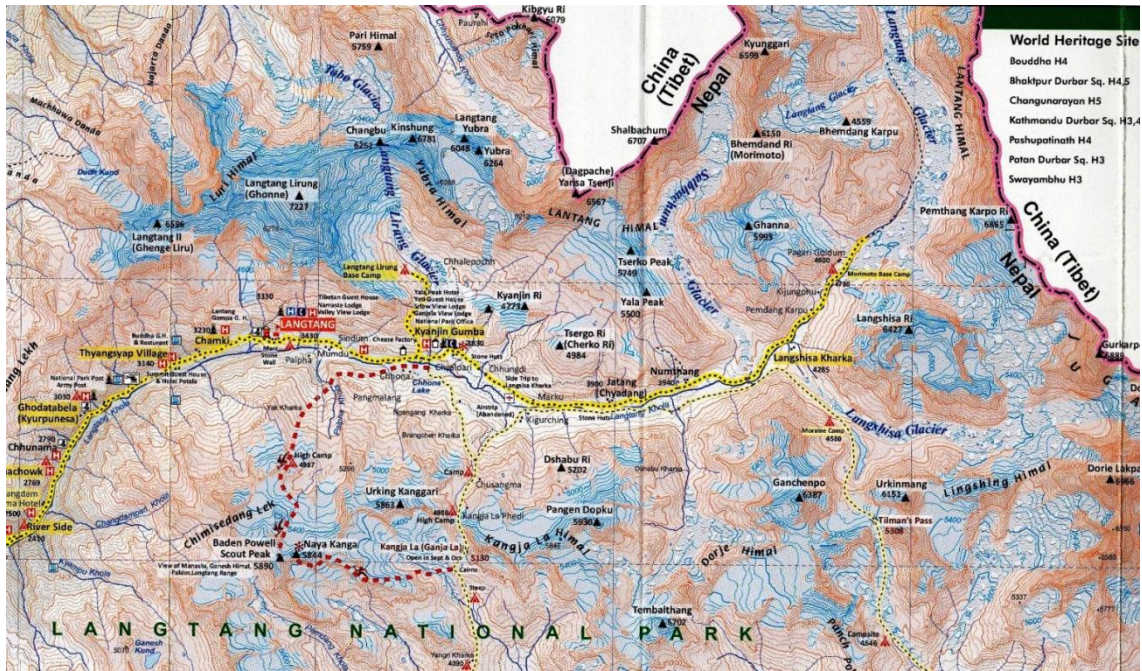


Hotel Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu



# Langtang Valley, Nepal November 2016

## Restoration/reconstruction from Earthquake



(left) Langtang II (Chenge Liru) 6596m, (right) Langtang Lirung 7227m south face



(above) at Kyanjin Gumba 3870m, (below) Langtang Lirung 7227m east face



(left) Kingshung 6781m, (below, foreground) Lantang Lirung Glacier.  
(right) Yubra 6264m and Yunbra Glacier



Trace in the aftermath of earthquake, Langtang (1)



**Trace in the aftermath of earthquake (2)**



**(above and below) Holy place, Gosainkunda after earthquake**

## Photo Gallery of Aerial Views Golden Flying Route over the Himalaya: Kathmandu-Lhasa-Chengdu

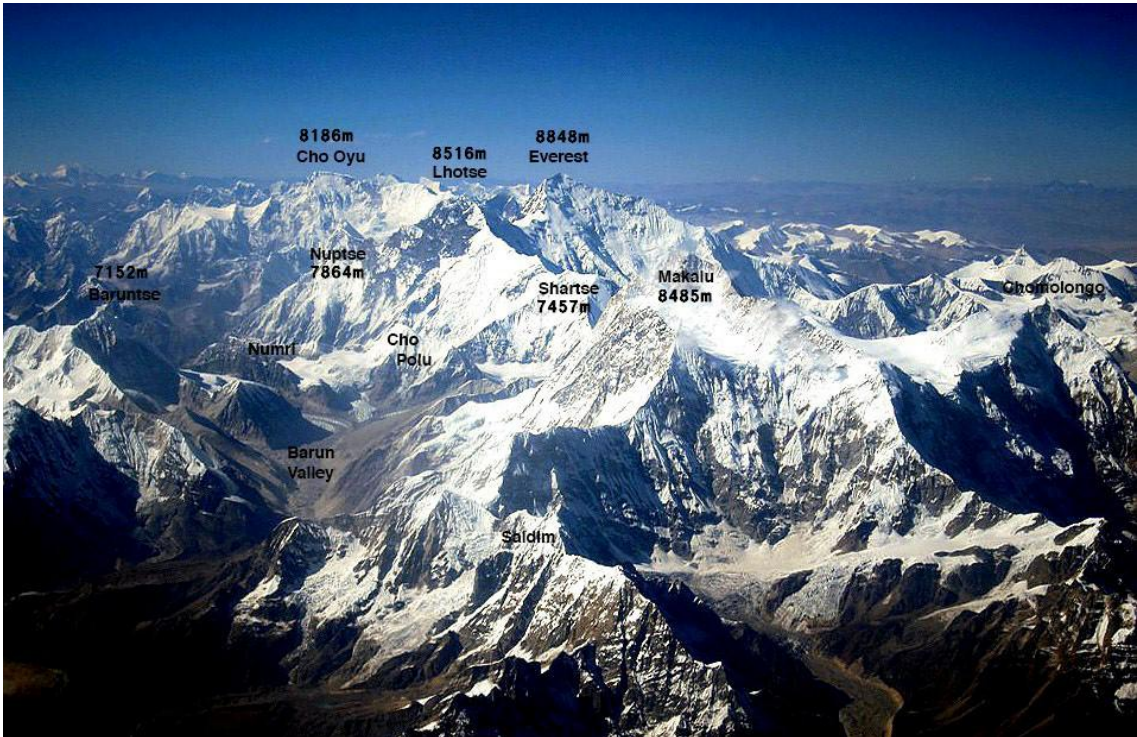
The pictures were taken from a airplane of Air China commercial flight en route of Chengdu-Lhasa, Lhasa-Kathmandu and Kathmandu to Chengdu. Areas covered are eastern part of Nepal, Central Tibet, Sikkim, Bhutan, Easternmost Himalaya, Nyaiqentanglha West / East and Sichuan. High resolution pictures are available upon request. I owe principally Richard Salisbury and also Marko Prezelj and John Nankervis for peak identification of the Nepal Himalaya, and Harish Kapadia for Sikkim and Bhutan.



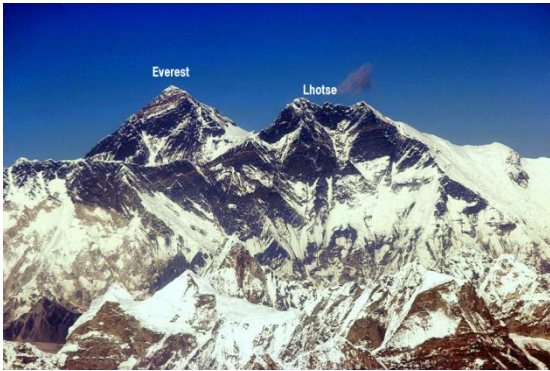
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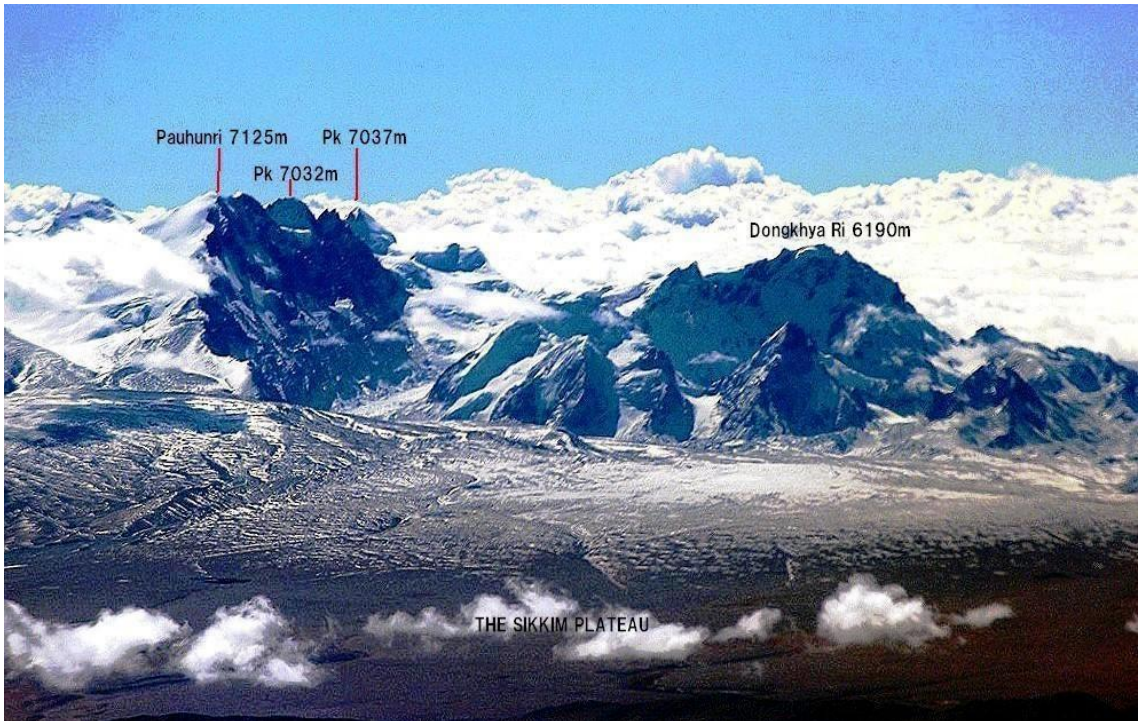
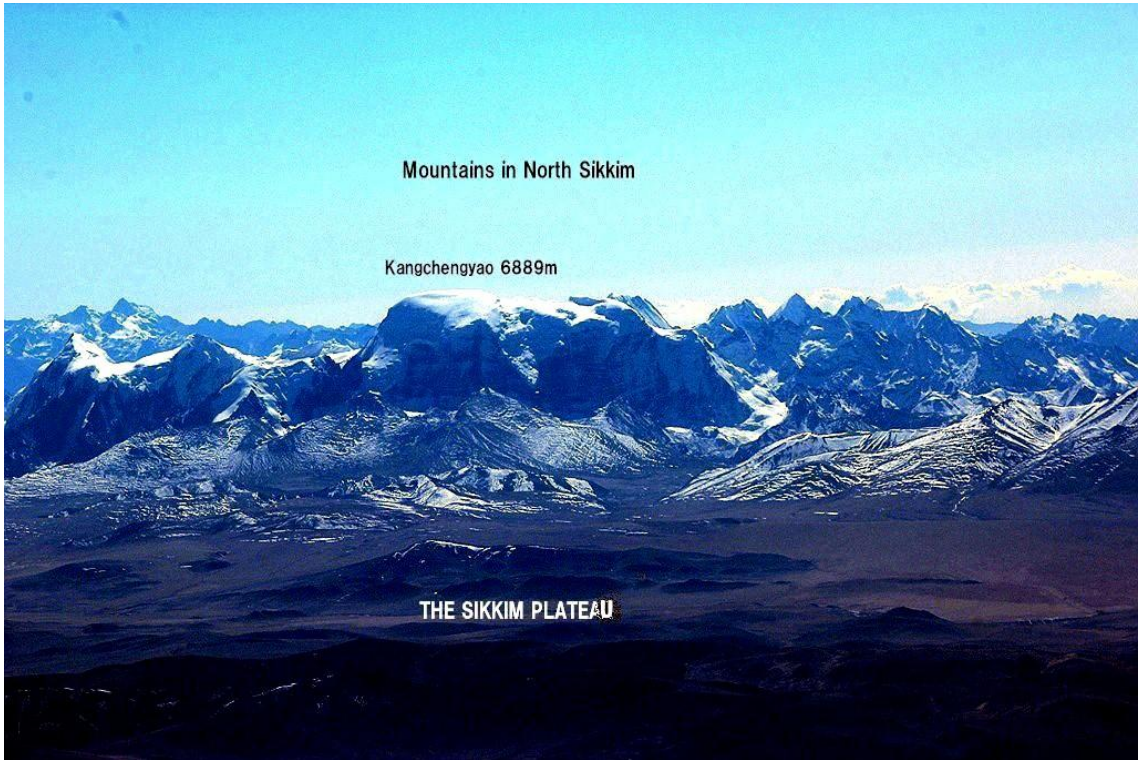




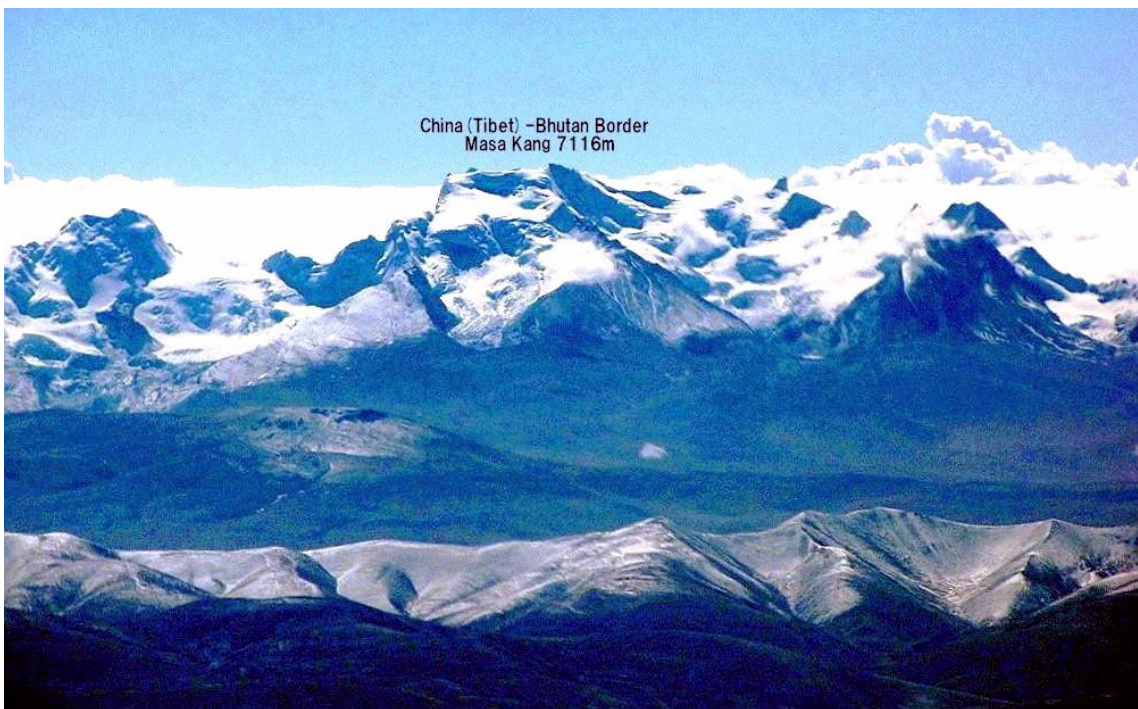


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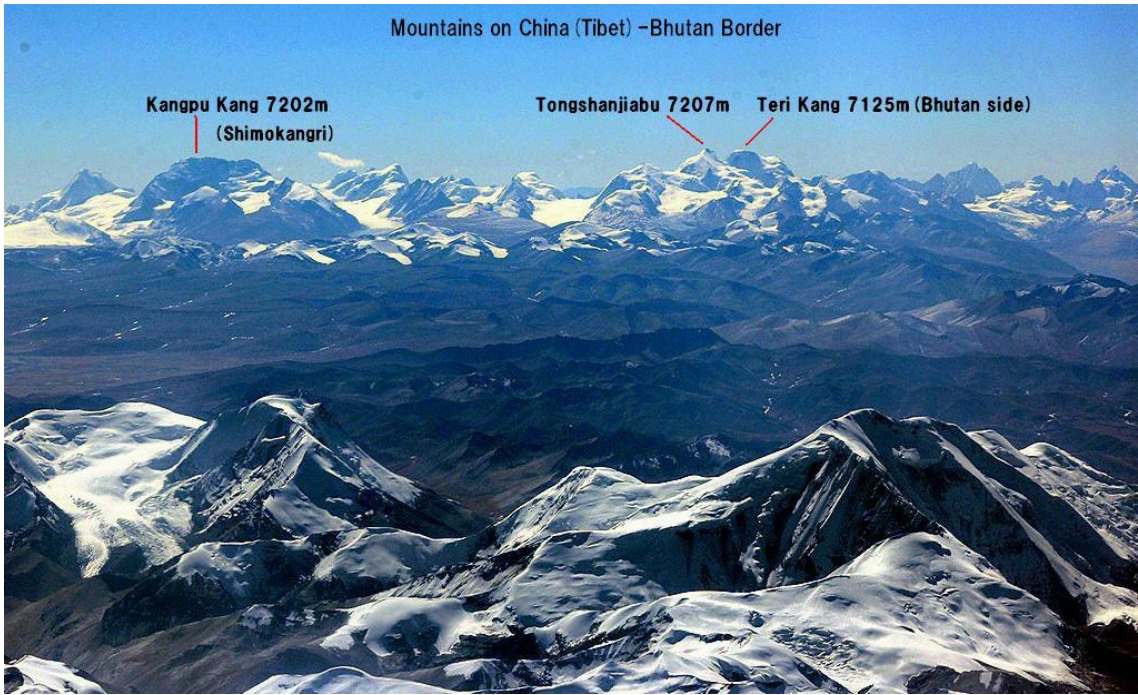




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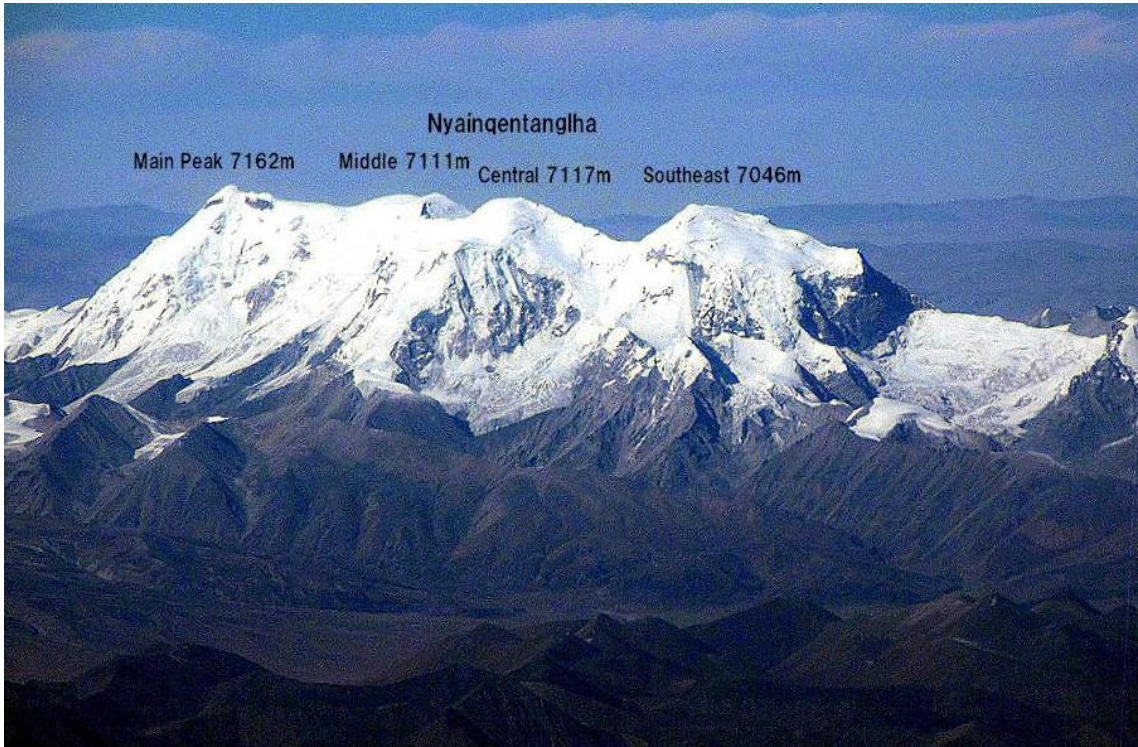
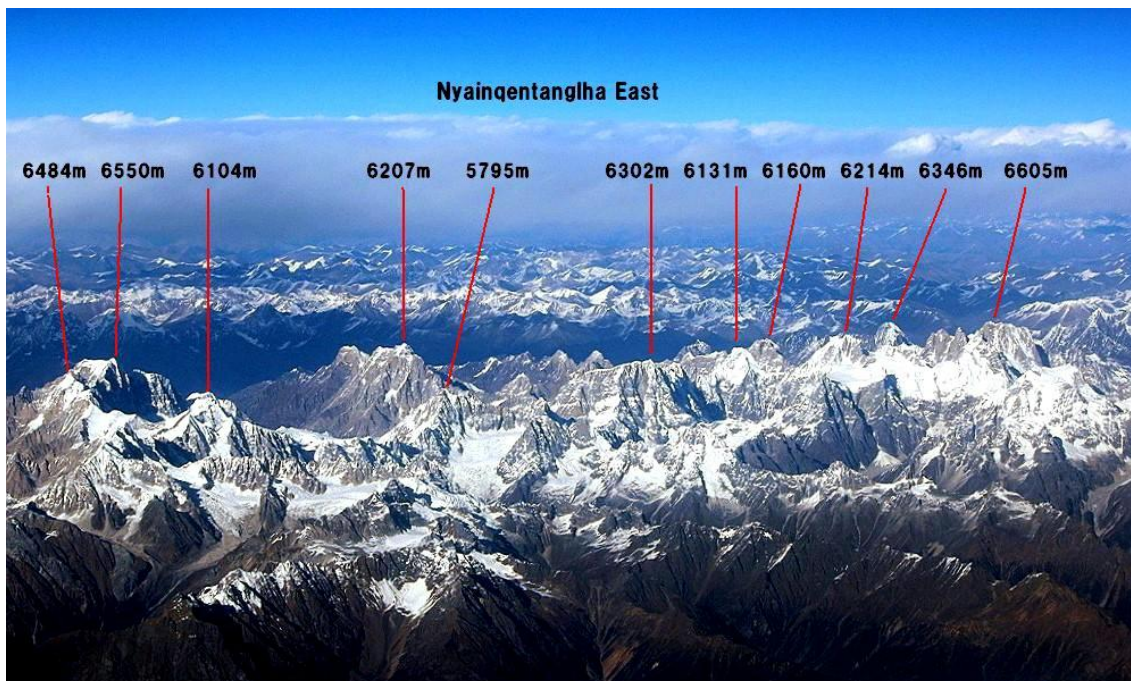
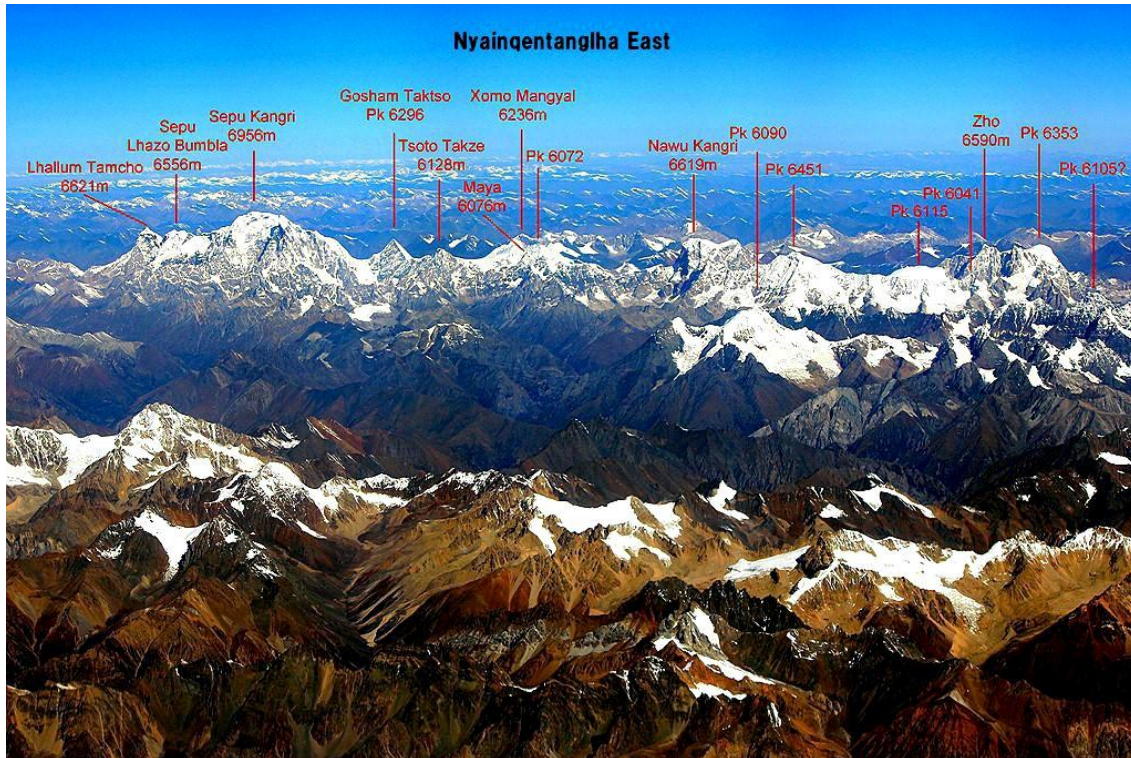


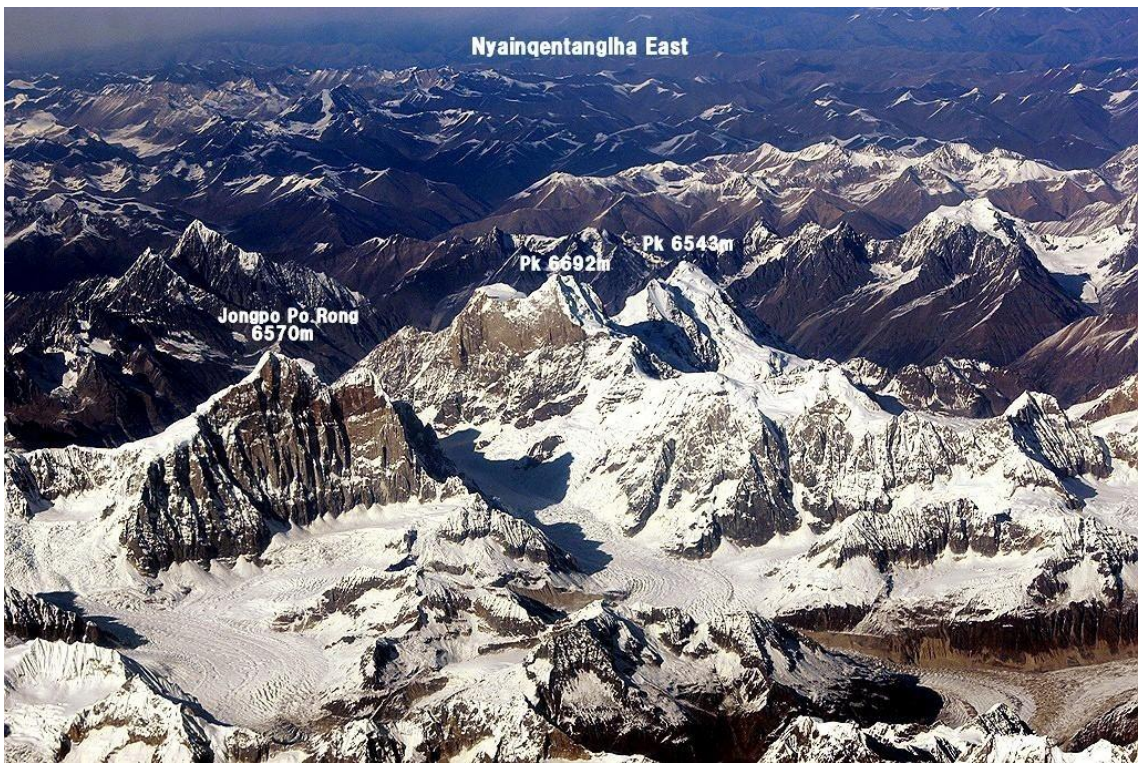
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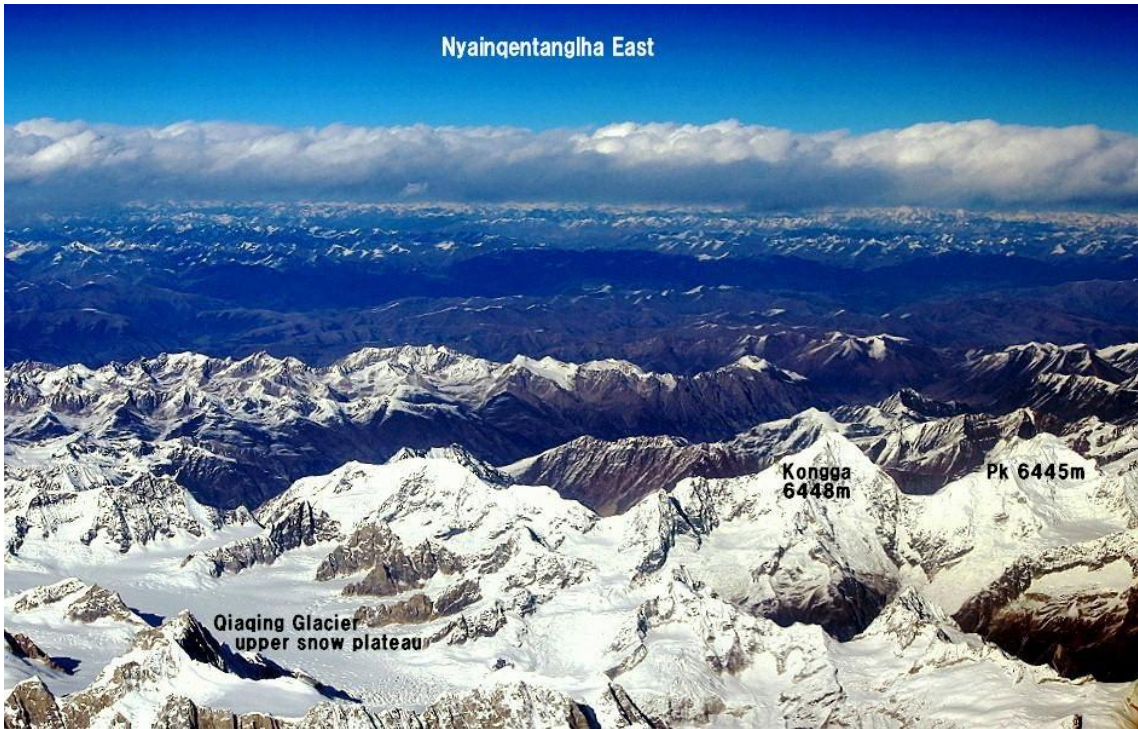
Nyainqentanglha East is the last frontier for exploration and mountaineering. Nearly 200 peaks remain unclimbed.











Below are the mountains in Sichuan Province.

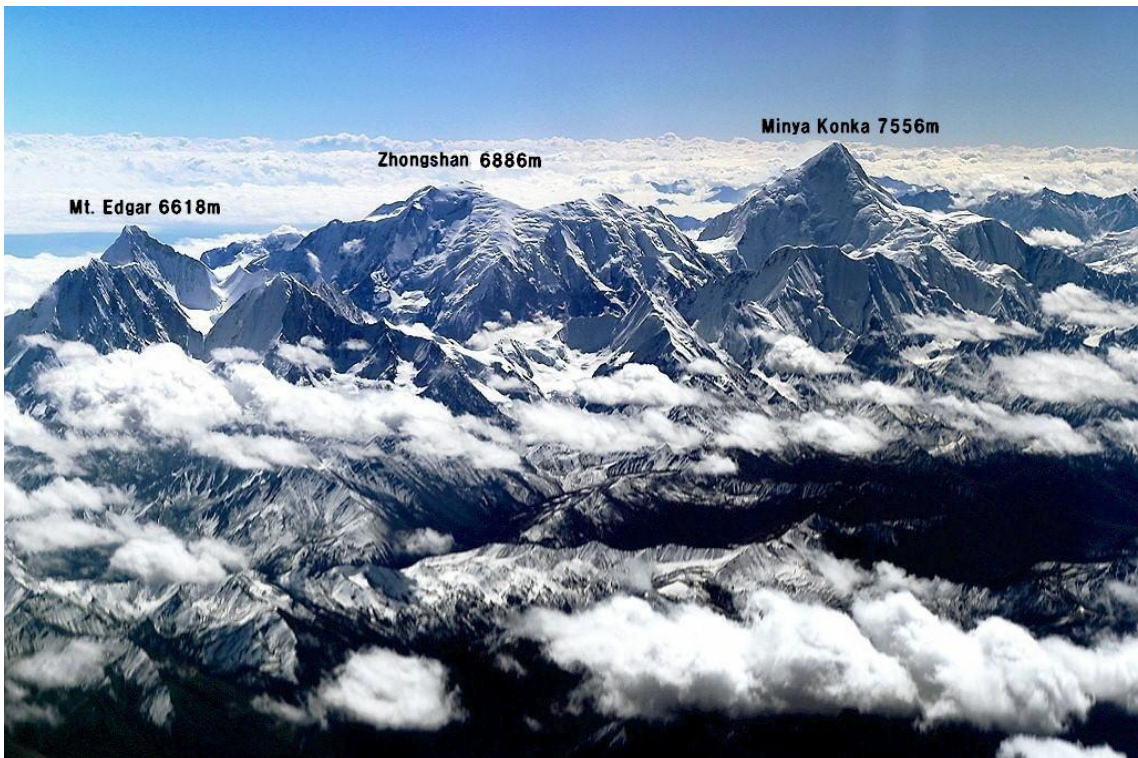


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