

TAMOTSU (TOM) NAKAMURA

# South Tibet – Blue Sky Expedition 4500km

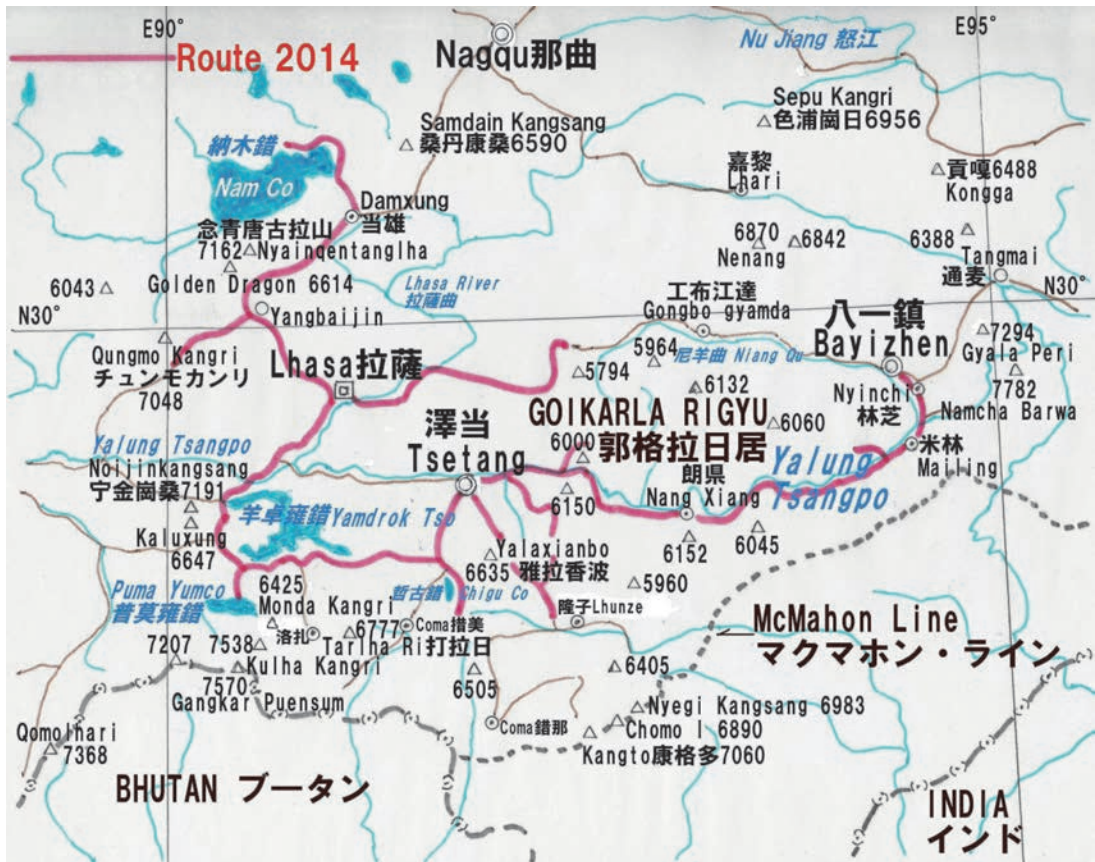
Photo Gallery Autumn 2014

Period: October 11 (Bayizhen, Nyinchi Prefecture) – October 25 (Lhasa)

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Driving distance: 4,500km

Route of expedition: Shown as under



It was again proved that Tom was a man of Blue Sky. A perfect Blue Sky warmly welcomed us in every key point except for GOIKARLA RYUGUrange as shown on the Photo Gallery-Autumn 2014 Expedition.

## Days of perfect weather (highlights)

October 14: South of Nang Xian (Peak Bobonng 6152m south of Yalung Tsangpo)

October 16: Yalaxianbo 6635m and access to south toward McMahon Line

October 17: Tarlha Ri 6777m and peaks close to Bhutan border

October 20: Puma Yumco, Kulha Kangri massif, Gangkar Puensum and further west

October 24: Nyainqentanglha West and Nam Tso

Our original expedition plan was first to explore unfrequented Goikarla Rigy range having several veiled peaks over 6000m and extending some 250km from near Lhasa to Bayizhen of Nyinchi Prefecture in between the Sichuan-Tibet Highway (north) and the Yarlung Tsangpo main stream (south). For efficient investigations, we made a full use of Toyota Land-cruiser without camping and doing horse caravans. Result, however, was poor. 6000m peaks did come into sight since complex valleys and ridges hindered views of peaks of our objective. Harvests were not enough in this mountain range.

Our second objective was to approach as closely as possible to the McMahon Line in south Tibet. However there was another problem and difficulty. Strict and frequent checks and controls by Public Security Bureau and Police. All counties adjacent to borders with Bhutan and India are totally closed to foreigners. We met no foreigners en route. Nevertheless we could gain some result owing to our capable Tibetan guide to have the sense to carefully detour check posts of the public security police and army. A complete profile of the east face of Tarlha Ri 6,777m massif and peaks ranging south to the Bhutan border and every side of a holy mountain Yalaxianbo massif could be photographed.

We luckily reached a heaven lake "Puma Yumco" 4980m, which is now closed to foreigners. A grand panorama of Kulha Kangri 7538m massif and mountains ranging to southwest on the Bhutan border overwhelmingly inspired us. The north face of the world highest unclimbed peak, Gangkar Puesum 7570m, was glimpsed to south. The panoramic view found a forbidden mountain Tongshangjiabu 7207m far west on the Bhutan border.

In addition, we made two days excursion to the Nyainqentanglha West, one day to Qungmo Kangri 7,048m and following day to the north bank of a holy lake "Nam Tso" 4,718m. Snow covered northern side was breathtakingly beautiful and fascinating.



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## [Photo Gallery]

### Holy Mountains-Yalaxianbo



Yalaxianbo, Main peak 6635m (left) climbed, South peaks 6495m/6542m (right) unclimbed, west face



Historical Samye Monastery in Zetang

## Tarlha Ri, Lake Shigu & Peaks close to Bhutan border



(From left) 下拉拉崗 Xialala Kang 6682m, 打拉日主峰 Tarlha Ri 6777m、6542m, East face, 東面、viewed from a pass (吉尔拉) 5130m to southwest. All peaks remain unclimbed.



Lake Chigu 4600m and sheep



Pk 6100m+ N face 16km N of Bhutan (central), ca.6000m Pk (right), all unclimbed



6000m Pks close to Bhutan border. All unclimbed.

### Peaks on/close to McMahon Line



5960m Pk east of Lhunze, west face  
Unclimbed



6505m Pk north of Cona, north face  
Unclimbed



6505m Pk north of Cona, north face  
Unclimbed



Kangto 7060m north face on McMahon Line,  
first climbed by Doshisha



Chomo I 6878m (left) II 6733m (right) N face on McMahon Line, unclimbed

## Mountains south of Yarlung Tsangpo(all unclimbed)



Yarlung Tsangpo and rock peaks on south bank



Rock Pk 6150m north face, unclimbed



Qipula massif 6045m W face, unclimbed



Bobonung massif 6000m N face, unclimbed



Bobonung massif 6152m W face, unclimbed, south of Nang Xian

## Goikarla Rigyu (all unclimbed)



5964m Pk north face



Holy mountains "Worde Kongge" 6000m north face



Holy mountains "Worde Kongge" 5725m north face



5700m Pk west face southeast of Meila Shan  
view from Meila Shan pass 5020m



5794m Pk west face southeast of Meila Shan pass



6060 Pk north face seen from Bahozhen

## Palaces and wild animals



Blue sheep in Nyainqentanglha West



Old palace in Songqu

## Kulha Kangri massif & mountains to southwest



Karejiang Main 7221m NW face (left), Kulha Kangri I 7538m N face (right) and Yamu Yumco 4980m (all climbed)



Unclimbed 6600 - 7000m Pks ranging to southwest from Kulha Kangri



Gankhar Puensum 7570m N face (left)  
highest unclimbed peak in the world,  
Liankang Kangri 7535m (right) climbed

Forbidden Tongshangjiab 7207m, north face,  
unclimbed

### **Monda Kangri, Noijinkansang & Kaluxung**



Monda Kangri 6425m N face, climbed

Kaluxung 6647m (right) & Yamdrok Tso



Kalung E face, climbed by Keio AC



Nojinkangsang 7191m E face, climbed

## Nyainqentanglha West



Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Railway



Nam Co 4718m & Nyainqentanglha West, N face, climbed



Qungmo Kangri 7048m E face, climbed



Nyainqentanglha I 7162m NE face, climbed



Golden Dragon 6614m W face, climbed



Samdain Kangsang 6590m E face, climbed