

To communicate adverse effect of climate change to the entire world, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) has launched a mission to send its flag at the top of the highest peak of the world- the Mt. Everest. This is a part of the world wide campaign to save climate with GEFONT's slogan "Save Climate –Save Himalayas". As a co-partner of Joint campaign, the General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT) is arranging all necessary local management.



Mission Mt. Everest 2011

In the Second ITUC World Congress in Vancouver-Canada, GEFONT President Bishnu Rimal Proposed the Mt. Everest Expedition under ITUC-GEFONT partnership, which was endorsed and ITUC Flag for Dorje Khatri was handed over to President Rimal... then and there by the ITUC officials including the then General Secretary Guy Ryder and the then President Sharan Burro.

A formal ceremony was organised in Kathmandu on January 10, 2011. Amidst the jam-packed presence of media persons ITUC-AP General Secretary Noriyuki Suzuki, handed over the ITUC flag to Dorje Khatri on the occasion. Thus Dorje is the focal person of this campaign and is in the mission of Mt Everest Expedition with the flag of ITUC.

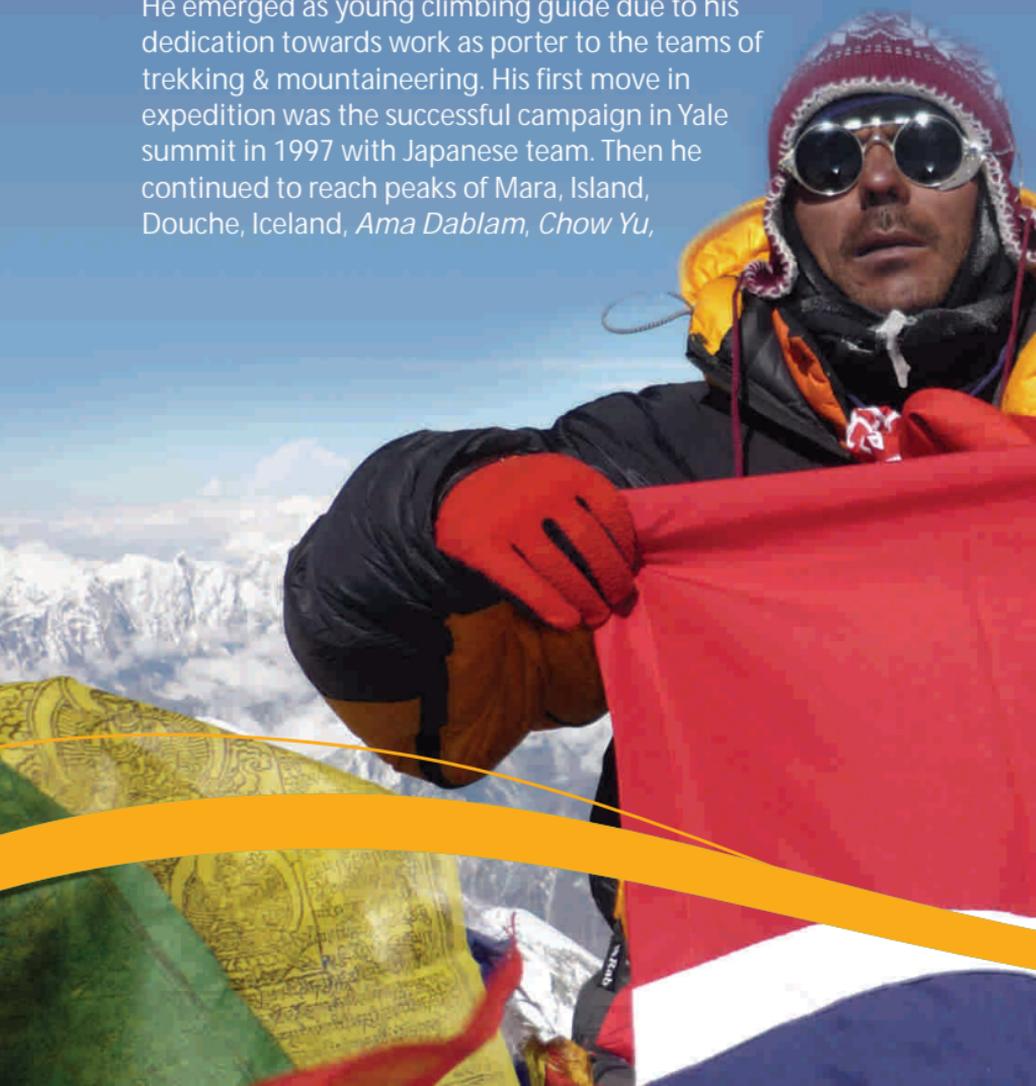


Our Climber Dorje Khatri

In future days there may be a quiz question – Who was the first man to conquer Mount Everest with the flags of the trade union movement? And the answer is Dorje Khatri of GEFONT from every corner.

Dorje, a matured guy is now running in his 43 years of age – born on December 19, 1968. He had completed his primary school education and could not continue the formal education. He is the son of mountain range – he completed his struggling childhood in *Kanchanjungha* of the district of *Taplejung*.

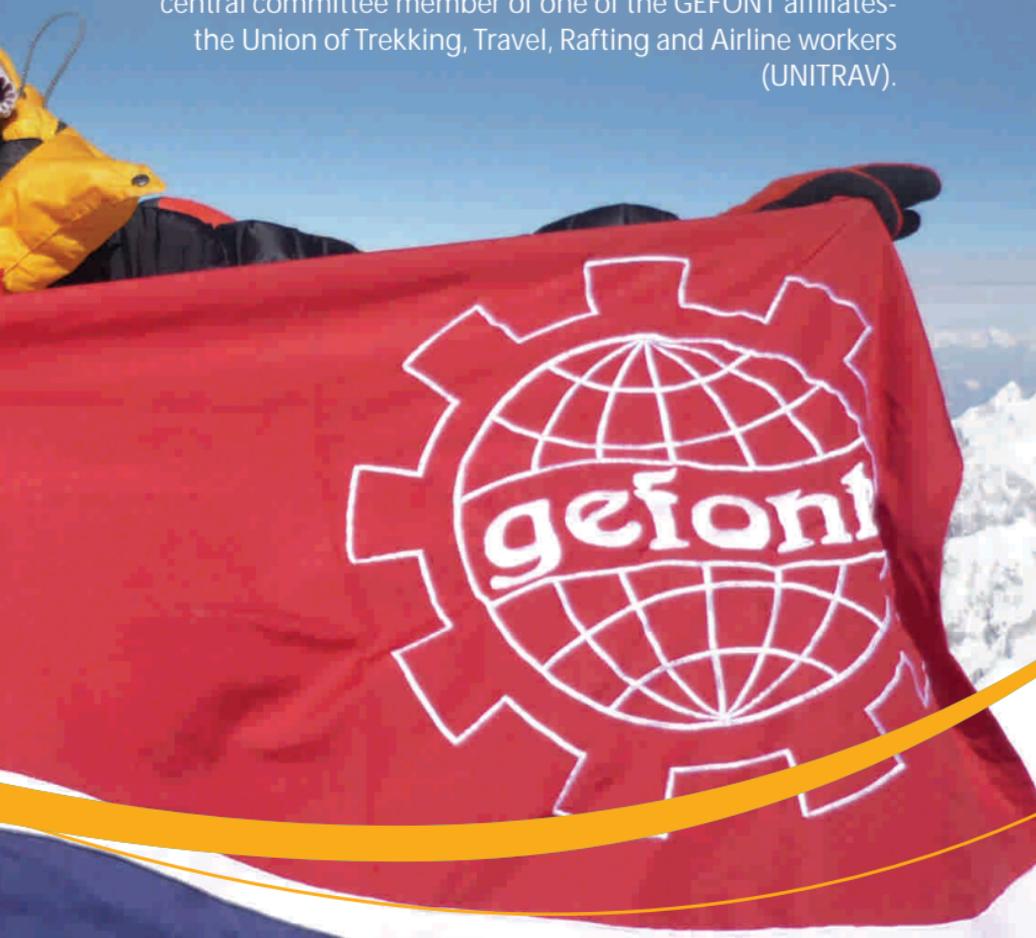
He emerged as young climbing guide due to his dedication towards work as porter to the teams of trekking & mountaineering. His first move in expedition was the successful campaign in Yale summit in 1997 with Japanese team. Then he continued to reach peaks of Mara, Island, Douche, Iceland, *Ama Dablam*, *Chow Yu*,



Kanchanjungha, Sisapangma, Makalu, Manasalu, Nayakhang etc. several times with various groups of mountaineers.

His first basic mountaineering training was in *Langtang* Himal climbing from August 15 to September 17 in 2005. He secured Grade A in Trekking Guide training January 21 – February 24, 2006. Similarly He participated with full enthusiasm the Basic Mountaineering Rescue Training in 2006, High Altitude Training in June 13-29, 2007, and High Mountain Rescue Training in Jan 12 – Feb 15, 2008.

Dorje as a permanent employee of Himalayan Guides Nepal Treks & Expedition is a professional man of Snow-full summits. Simultaneously he is the active trade unionist – a central committee member of one of the GEFONT affiliates- the Union of Trekking, Travel, Rafting and Airline workers (UNITRAV).



Dorje in Mission Mt Everest

Nepalis know Mt. Everest as *Sagarmatha*! The Mt. Everest is the highest peak of the world which is the most desired destination of Mountaineers for expedition. Dorje has been successful to put his foot-steps on the Everest summit several times. His First attempt to Mount Everest was in 2010 May, not quite successful but he reached up to 8600 meters and same in 2002 also.

Finally in his third attempt he reached Everest summit of 8848 meters for the first time on May 10, 2005, then the series of successful expeditions in Mount Everest – May 15, 2006; May 23, 2008; May 25, 2009; May 23, 2010;

Every time he with pride aired the flags of Trade union organizations at the summit of the Mount Everest – Flag of GEFONT, UNITRAV, NATU, CUPPEC, BWI and IMF.

On May, 2011; Dorje is climbing the Mt. Everest with the flag of International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) as a part of ITUC-GEFONT joint campaign on Climate Change



Mission Everest: Dorje's Itinerary

Date	Schedule
14 April	Drive to Everest Base Camp
15 April	Rest Day
16 April	Acclimatization (Frozen River Walk)
17 April	Rest Day (Skills Day)
18 April	Acclimatization (6000m Ridge Walk)
19 April	Rest Day
20 April	Group Move to Intermediate Camp (5700m)
21 April	Move to ABC (6400m)
22 April	Rest Day ABC
23-24 April	Acclimatization
25-28 April	Climb to North Col (7032)
29 April	Return to Base Camp
30 Apr- 3 May	Rest Period
4 May	Return to ABC
5 May	Move to North Col
6 May	Push to 7500m Overnight at North Col
7 May	Return to ABC
8 May	Return to Base Camp
9-12 May	Rest Period
13 May	Return to ABC
14 May	Rest Day ABC
15 May	Move to North Col
16 May	Move to 7800m
17 May	Move to 8200m
18 -30 May	Summit Days
31 May	Descent
1- 2 June	Clear Mountain
3 June	Clear ABC
4 June	Back to Base Camp
5 June	Clear Base Camp
6 June, 11	Drive to Nylam
7 June, 11	Drive to Kathmandu

Dorje's expedition route



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Dorje Khatri is working for this agency as a permanent employee.

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About ITUC

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) is the main international trade union organisation, representing the interests of working people worldwide. It has 301 affiliated member organisations in 151 countries and territories, with a total membership of 176 million workers.

The ITUC was founded at its inaugural Congress in Vienna, Austria, on 1 -3 November 2006. It groups together the former affiliates of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) and the World Confederation of Labour (WCL), along with trade union organisations which had no global affiliation. The ICFTU and the WCL dissolved themselves on 31 October 2006, to pave the way for the creation of the ITUC.

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About GEFONT

General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions (GEFONT) was established on 20th July 1989. As there was no union right in Nepal; GEFONT was launched underground.

GEFONT has 29 affiliates (as of April, 2011), which cover all three fields- the agriculture, industries and services; covering various sectors such as manufacturing, textiles and clothing, carpet industry, transport, hotels, restaurants and catering, tourism, printing, auto-mechanics, food production, breweries, chemical and metal industry, rickshaw pullers, tea plantations, street vendors, private school, hair dressers & beauticians, employees of security sector, Thangka painting, tax-counseling, courier & cargo service, gold & jewellery work, construction and agriculture.

As a largest trade union Confederation in Nepal, GEFONT represents over 300,000 workers from all affiliates.

Over 33% women have been elected in National Executive Committee of GEFONT from its 5th National Congress.

GEFONT is one the founders of international trade union body- the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) established on November 2006. It has been elected in General Council both at International and Asia-Pacific Regional level from the founding Congress. GEFONT affiliates are affiliated with various Global Union Federations (GUFs).

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GEFONT leader Dorje Khatri to carry ITUC
flag at Highest Peak of the world!