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Global Youth Summit 2004



Cross-Cultural Mountain Conservation Youth Project 2004 in Kazakhstan

The Cross-Cultural Mountain Conservation Youth Project 2004 took place in Kazakhstan from August 23 to 30. It was organized by the Kazakhstan Mountaineering Federation and HAT-J Himalayan Adventure Trust Japan.

30 teenagers from India, Pakistan, Bhutan and Japan joined the project together with a few HAT-J members from Japan and many supporting volunteers from Kazakhstan.

The program began in Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan, on 23rd and then on the next day everyone moved to Karakara international mountaineering camp by bus, which was a seven-hour journey.

August 25: After the opening ceremony, all the members went to climb a small peak, 2800m, from which there was a magnificent view of the Tien-Shan mountains. In the evening a party with singing and dancing was held, at which participants were able to get to know each other.

August 26: The young participants from each country composed posters which depicted aspects of their culture and life style or environmental issues in their country and made a presentation. They also went for a walk along the river Karakara and visited a village to have an exchange with local nomadic people.

August 27: International Youth Forum

The youths from all the participating nations made presentations about the environmental situation and issues; they used videos, powerpoint and other visual materials.

The presentations were followed by discussions. A closing party for further exchanges and cultural performances continued throughout the night.

August 28: On the way back to Almaty, the group stopped at Chimbulak ski resort for an overnight stay.

August 29: The participants trekked to the edge of a glacier at an altitude of 3370m in the morning. They then continued their journey to Almaty, where a farewell party was held to close the program. Hat-J, the Japan delegation, proposed that the program for 2005 should be held in the foothills of Mt Fuji, in Japan.

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