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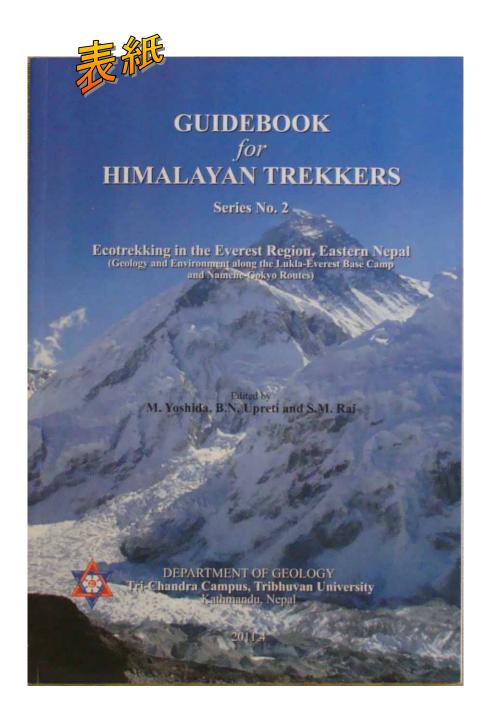
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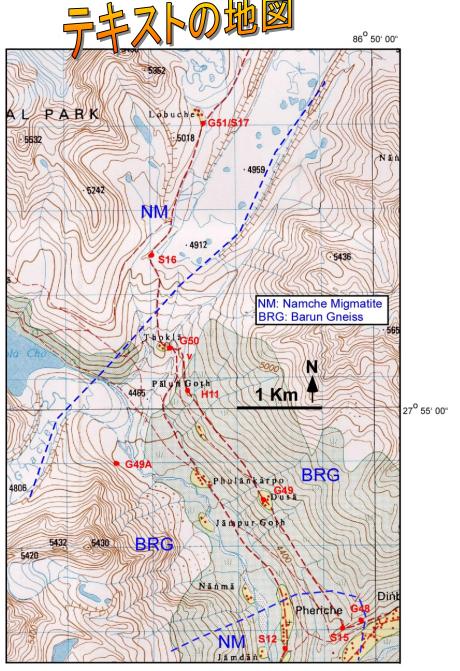


Fig. 3.3.1 Trekking route and observation stops from Dinboche to lobuche

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Khangri Shar Glader. From Goraksep, the trail runs on the lateral moraine for the early half and then until up to the Base Camp follows right through the Khumbu Glacier, mostly covered with rock fragments. It is a debris covered glacier..

The entire region is highly dominated by glacial geomorphology and the past and present glacial features are well represented everywhere. They include active glaciers, cirques, glacier and cirque walls, moraine hills, and glacial lakes. Very large basement rock exposures are observed as cliffs on mountain peaks and ridges here and there; but approach to these cliffs are not easy. Only a few outcrops are met with along the trail.

Pheriche/Dinboche - Lobuche (Day 5)

G-48 Basement exposure north of Dinboche: the Black Gneiss

After trekking for about 200 m from Dinboche/Pheriche along the trail to Lobuche, a small outcrop of dark coloured basement rock is found, appearing as if it is the staff of the Black Gneiss. This outcrop represents a tiny part of the extension of the large rock cliff just over Dinboche to the north (Fig. 3.3.3). The rocks are mainly medium-grained (sillimanite)-two mica gneiss/schist with platy joints. No leucosome develops here, but flattened potash-feldspar porphyroblasts occur abundantly in some parts.

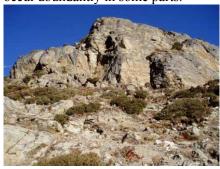


Fig. 3.3.3 Exposure of rock in a large clift to the north of Dinboche (G-48)

S-15 View from the moraine ridge west of Dinboche

Few hundred meters west from the Stop G-48, the trail reaches to a small pass on the lateral moraine ridge and a small *stupa* stands at this location. This place is an excellent viewpoint providing a 360 degrees view of the mountain peaks around. One can see Lhotse, Ama Dablam, and Thamserku to the northeast to southwest, and peaks to the north along the main valley include Tobuche and surrounding peaks (Figs. 3.3.4, 3.3.5). To the northwest, as viewed through the binocular,

the 5,430 m high Tobuche peaks shows gray to dark gray rocks with no granite intrusion, thought to suggest that they belong the Black Gneiss. From the observations above, we delineate the boundary between the Namche Migmatites and the Black Gneiss just west of Dinboche. Lombardo et al. (1993) and Carosi et al. (1999) also gave partly a similar boundary at around this location.



Fig. 3.3.4 A northeast view from Stop S-15. The extreme left peak of the mountain range is Lhotse (8,516 m).



Fig. 3.3.5 A northwest view from Stop S-15. The Tobuche (Towoche) and Arakam Tse are seen on the left and the Lobuche peak is seen at the extreme right.

G-49 Eastern and western cliffs composed of the Black Gneiss and boulders along the trail near Dusa.

The trail goes on a wide and flat plain of middle terrace on the left bank of the main valley. The terrace material is considered to be mostly lateral moraines of

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