



## Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality's Base Camp Management Procedure 2024.

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Amendment

Base Camp Management (first Amendment) Procedure, 2024, Mar 4, 2024

**Preamble:** The foundations of human civilization, ecosystems, and biological diversity are Himalayas and glaciers and since climate change caused by various human activities has directly affected the livelihood of the Himalayan region, it is necessary to organize the human activities in the base camps of the mountain summits in the Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality area, by exercising the power given by Section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 2022 of the Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality has implemented this procedure by passing this.

### Chapter-1

#### Short name and Commence

##### 1. Short name and Commence:

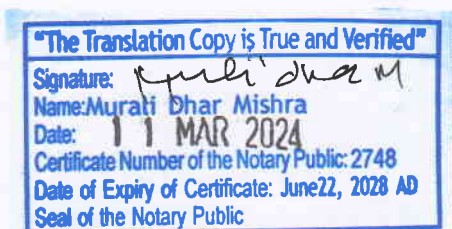
- (1) The name of this procedure is: Base Camp Management Procedure, 2024.
- (2) This procedure shall come into force across the Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality area.
- (3) This procedure shall be passed by the meeting of the Rural Municipal Executive and shall come into force from the date of its publication in the local gazette.

### Chapter 2

#### Definition

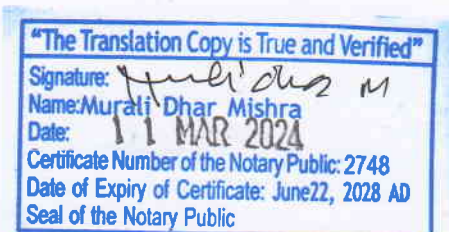
**2. Definition:** Unless the subject or context requires otherwise, in this procedure:

- (1) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Rural Municipality.
- (2) "Permit" means a mountaineering permit issued to an expedition party to climb Mountain peaks.





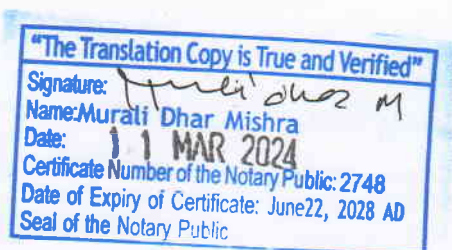
- 2(a) "Other helpers" means mountaineer's family members, relatives, well-wishers, friends, sponsors, doctors and camp managers.
- (3) "Base Camp" means the place that is the starting point of the mountaineering work, which is designated for mountaineering instruction, coordination and facilitation along with the necessary materials and equipment for mountaineering, including food, medicine, etc.
- (4) "Base Camp Worker" means a person who does cooking, postal and similar work for the mountaineering team at the base camp.
- (5) "Emergency state" means a situation requiring immediate rescue to prevent or minimize loss of life and property due to natural or unnatural calamities occurring suddenly or unexpectedly.
- (6) "Altitude Worker" means a worker who carries necessary equipment for mountaineering above the base camp.
- (7) "Rescue" means immediate action to save any person or group from a sudden or unexpected crisis, danger or emergency.
- (8) "Executive" means the Rural Municipal Executive of the Rural Municipality.
- (9) "Procedure" means the Base Camp Management Procedure, 2024.
- (10) "Rural Municipality" means Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality.
- (11) "Trekking agency" means a firm or company that arranges adventure tourism activities such as hiking, mountaineering, jungle safari, cycling, and bird watching for tourists for a fixed fee.
- (12) "Prescribed" or "as prescribed" shall mean as prescribed or prescribed in the prevailing law and this procedure.
- (13) "Path guide" means a Nepali citizen who has good knowledge about the related tourist site or path, has the necessary language skills, and has received the prescribed qualification and training along with information about the





convenience and safety of tourists and has received a license from the designated agency.

- (14) "Tourist" means foreign nationals who come from foreign countries to stay in Nepal for a minimum of twenty-four hours and a maximum of one hundred and fifty days for the purpose of touristic activities.
- (15) "Mountaineering" means any person or mountaineering team mountaineering such a mountain with the purpose of reaching a certain mountain peak of the Himalayan range opened for mountaineering by the Government of Nepal after obtaining permission from the department.
- (16) "Mountaineering helper" means a leader, a guide, a height worker, a base camp worker and local workers who provide assistance in the mountaineering work and provide necessary facilities for the climbers at the base camp or above.
- (17) "Mountaineer" means a person or a member of the mountaineering team who has obtained license from the department.
- (18) "Bar" means a commercial place that sells various types of alcoholic beverages and has the facility to sit and drink in the same premises.
- (19) "Bakery Cafe" means a place that manufactures and sells flour-based dishes such as breads, cookies, pastries, pies and cakes along with a selection of coffee, tea and other beverages.
- (20) "Department" means Department of Tourism.
- (21) "Committee" means the Coordinating and Monitoring Committee constituted in accordance with this procedure.
- (22) "Liaison Officer" means the person or group appointed by the Government of Nepal to accompany the mountaineering team to the base camp.
- (23) "Sardaar" means the leader of the group who arranges the local workers, controls the altitude workers or base camp workers and works as a path guide.





- (24) "Adventure tourism" means skiing, heli skiing, bungee jumping, swinging, cannoning, heli diving, sky diving, paragliding, rock climbing, caving, mountain biking, rafting, jeep line, jet ski, wet jump, kayaking, fly board, motor boat, snow boat, parasailing, adventure racing, sky walk and other adventure tourism should be remembered.
- (25) "Local worker" means the worker who carries the belongings of the mountaineering team to the base camp.
- (26) "Spa" means massage of different parts of the body using different types of healthful oils and herbs and providing relaxation and pleasure like sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi.

### Chapter 3

#### Provision of Coordination and monitoring committee

3. Provisions related to the formation of a coordination and monitoring committee:
- (1) There shall be a committee for the implementation of this procedure, management, coordination and monitoring of base camps. The composition of the committee shall be as follows:
- (a) Chairperson of Rural Municipality - Coordinator
- (b) Chief of Sagarmatha National Park Office or a representative designated by the chief - Member
- (c) Chairperson of the Sagarmatha National Park Buffer Zone Management Committee or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (d) A Liaison Officer designated by the Department of Tourism - Member
- (e) Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality - Member
- (f) Chairperson of Nepal Mountaineering Association

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- or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (g) Chairperson of Everest Summiteers Association  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (h) Chairperson of Trekking Agencies Association of Nepal (TAAN)  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (i) Chairperson of Expedition Operators Association of Nepal  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (j) Chairperson of Airlines Operators Association of Nepal  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (k) Chief of Area Police Office, Namche  
or a representative designated by the chief - Member
- (l) Chairperson of Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (m) One member appointed by the coordinator from  
among the Nepalese Mountaineers - Member
- (n) One member nominated by the committee from among the  
Doctors of health institutions within the rural municipality - Member
- (o) Chairperson of the Civil Mountaineering Association of Nepal  
or a representative designated by the Chairperson - Member
- (p) Coordinator of Environment and Disaster Management  
Committee - Member
- (q) Environment Officer or employee designated with the  
responsibility of working in the Environmental Section - Secretary
- (2) The secretariat of the committee shall be in the office of the Municipal  
Executive, while the contact office shall be operated at the base camp of Mount  
Everest during mountaineering.

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- (3) Committee meetings shall be held as needed.
- (4) The procedure for the meeting shall be as determined by the Committee itself.
- (5) Experts may be invited to the meeting as required.

## Chapter 4

### Provisions relating to permits and listing

#### 4. Provision regarding permits and listing:

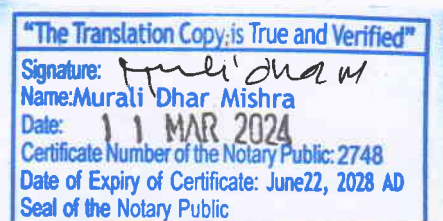
- (1) The leader of the Mountaineering Team who has permission for mountaineering must list the personal details, emergency contacts and details related to the mountaineering experience of the climbers, mountaineering assistants and other assistants belonging to the team as prescribed.
- (2) Mountaineers shall be allowed to proceed with mountaineering only after the Liaison Officer or designated officer verifies the mountaineering permits and licenses.
- (3) Tourists and visitors other than mountaineers, mountaineering assistants and other assistants who have received permission for mountaineering are not allowed to stay in the base camp.

## Chapter 5

### Provision relating to Resource and camp management

#### 5. Resource and Camp Management:

- (1) The availability of essential resources such as tents, food, oxygen cylinders and medical equipment must be ensured for each mountaineering expedition.
- (2) A maximum area of 80 square feet per person may be used for sleeping in the base camp during the mountaineering expedition.
- (3) A maximum area of 60 square feet per person may be used for dining purposes in the base camp during the mountaineering expedition.
- (4) Empty tents other than those required for mountaineers, mountaineering assistants and other assistants shall not be pitched in the base camp.





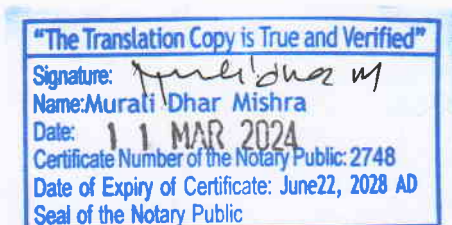
- (5) A mountaineering team may consist of 15 mountaineers and mountaineering assistants as per requirement.
- (6) The attached toilet shall not be placed in the sleeping tent. A maximum of 4 Toilet Tents, 2 Shower Tents and 2 Urine Toilet Tents for peeing can be arranged in each camp for common use of up to 15 people.
- (7) Mountaineering Teams, trekking agencies, hoteliers or any person or organization shall not permanently build tents or any other structures for conducting commercial activities in any Mountain base camp within the Rural Municipality area.

## Chapter 6

### Arrangements for communication, security and emergency response

#### 6. Communications, Security and Emergency Response:

- (1) The availability of reliable facilities such as satellite phones, walkie-talkies and radio communication should be ensured for use in emergencies that may occur during mountaineering.
- (2) Basic first aid and mountaineering assistants trained in technical knowledge and mountaineering should be arranged for mountaineering.
- (3) A reliable information and communication system should be developed to share critical updates, weather conditions and emergency alerts for mountaineers and mountaineering assistants.
- (4) To ensure the safety of mountaineers and mountaineering assistants, regular check-in/check-out records of those going above the base camp should be arranged.
- (5) An integrated medical assistance system can be arranged to provide emergency assistance, treatment for altitude sickness, injuries and other health problems according to the needs of mountaineers and mountaineering assistants.





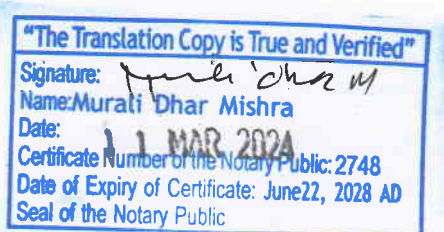
- (6) In order to ensure the safety of mountaineers and mountaineering assistants and to avoid unnecessary crowding in the high mountain areas, the mountaineering expedition should be planned based on the weather forecast of the Meteorological Department and reliable weather agencies and they should be informed about the best times for ascending and descending.
- (7) A clear emergency response plan should be formulated and implemented, including protocols for emergency rescue operations, evacuation procedures, liaison officers and coordination with local authorities and rescue teams. For this, an emergency rescue task force can be formed and mobilized. The functions, duties and powers of the working group shall be as specified by the Coordination and Monitoring Committee.

## Chapter 7

### Provisions related to environment protection and waste management

#### 7. Environment Protection and Waste Management:

- (1) To promote the Leave No Trace principle and responsible mountaineering practices to minimize environmental impacts, a mountaineer belonging to any Mountaineering Team must compulsorily bring 8 kg garbage from Everest, Lhotse and Nuptse and 3 kg from Amadablam Mountain to the base camp.
- (2) To keep the base camp area clean, every mountaineering team should conduct a regular cleaning campaign around their camp.
- (3) Poop Bag/Biodegradable Bag must be used above the base camp for proper management and disposal of human waste.
- (4) A list of items needed above the base camp must be prepared and registered compulsorily. After the mountaineering expedition, the items used above the base camp for mountaineering purposes must be brought back to the base camp compulsorily. After the end of the mountaineering expedition, no food or any

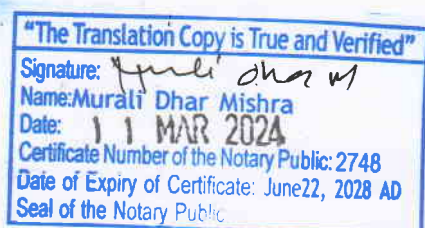






other material can be stored above the base camp. Also, box tents cannot not be used above the base camp. When hanging new ropes for mountaineering, the old ropes must be taken off and brought back to the base camp compulsorily.

- (5) Garbage brought from above the base camp and generated in the camp shall be classified as specified and the required charges based on the Polluter Pays principle should be submitted to the Rural Municipality or the organization responsible for waste management within the Rural Municipality.
- (6) In case of death of any mountaineer, guide and height worker during mountaineering, the concerned trekking agency/travel agency shall be responsible for managing the dead body. The Garbage Clearance Letter shall be provided through the Rural Municipality or the body designated by the Rural Municipality only after the management of the waste as specified.
- (7) Taking into account the cultural sensitivity of the Everest region listed in the World Heritage List due to the picturesque natural scenery and the magnificent Sherpa culture, bars, bakeries, cafes, spas, etc. are not allowed to be operated commercially except for the base camp and mountaineering activities.
- (8) In the base camps and other areas within the Rural Municipality, adventure tourism activities can be conducted only with permission under the prevailing laws.
- (9) Considering the weak ecological system around the base camp area, the stones and other local materials required for setting up the camp should be used in their natural state without any modifications.
- (10) Bright and flickering lights visible from a distance should not be lit in the base camp, except when it is necessary in the camp premises. Except in case of emergency, the lights in the camp premises must be compulsorily turned off at night.





## Chapter 8

### Provision for transportation and rescue operations

#### 8. Transportation and Rescue Operations:

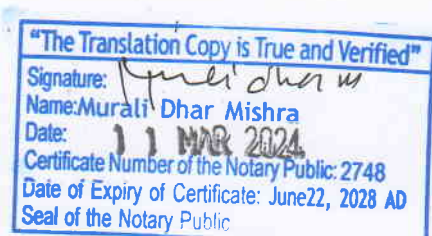
- (1) Materials related to mountaineering can be transported up to Syangboche by helicopter or other means of transport, but beyond Syangboche, they should be transported only by yak, jopke and local workers. For special reasons, if it is necessary to transport mountaineering materials above Syangboche by helicopter or other means of transport, permission must be obtained from the Coordination and Monitoring Committee pursuant to Section 3.
- (2) Taking into account the availability of yaks, Jopke and local workers at the local level in order to provide maximum support to raise the standard of living of the local community through mountaineering, prior to the beginning of the mountaineering expedition, mountaineering materials should be classified based on priority and arrangements should be made for transportation in phases. In addition, they should be packed in a way that can be carried by Yak, Jokpe and local workers.
- (3) For rescue purposes, up to three helipads can be arranged at suitable locations of Everest base camp to be used collectively.
- (4) Except for rescue purposes, helicopters cannot be flown or landed above the base camp.

## Chapter 9

### Miscellaneous

#### 9. Miscellaneous and Other:

- (1) In the case of the points written in this procedure, it shall be according to this procedure.
- (2) If any person or organization violates the clauses mentioned in this procedure, it is considered to have committed an offense according to this procedure and





the prevailing laws. Such person and organization who commits such offense shall be punished and fined according to prevailing laws.

- (3) The Committee may delegate some or all of its powers to any member of the Committee or any organization.
- (4) The Rural Municipality may amend this procedure as necessary.
- (5) If any clause mentioned in this procedure conflicts with the prevailing laws, it will be ipso facto void to the extent of the contradiction.

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