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Share Everest 2011, climbers left this morning for summit attempt: the countdown has begun

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EVEREST BASE CAMP, Nepal -- "This morning the weather was amazing. Climbers woke up at 7 am and left for camp 2 at 8 am: Daniele Bernasconi, Daniele Nardi and 5 sherpa have officially started their ascent towards the summit". With these words Agostino Da Polenza announced the ongoing Share Everest 2011 summit attempt: the team is climbing up carrying a sophisticated sensor that will be installed on the top of Everest and will send real time data from there. The countdown has begun.

Climbers reached camp 2, 6.500 m, around 12.25 pm, Nepalese time. This is the place where they are going to sleep tonight. Their ascent will continue tomorrow. One of the sherpas did not feel very well at camp 1 so he went back to base camp where he arrived at 11.30 am.

The SHARE Everest 2011 team has already achieved two important results in last days. At first, the installation of the webcam on the top of Kala Patthar, that allows to monitor every 60 seconds the weather changes around Everest summit . (Link: <http://www.evk2cnr.org/WebCams/PyramidOne/everest-webcam.html>). Subsequently the restore of the SHARE automatic weather station at South Col (8000 m), which is sending real time data about temperature and humidity, wind speed and direction, solar radiation and pressure . You can check all data by clicking on the banner that you can find in the home page of the following websites: www.share-everest.com, www.evk2cnr.com, www.montagna.tv.

"The weather is still perfect - Da Polenza says -. There is a cloudless sky, wind is blowing at 30 km per hour at high altitude, but is going to decrease over the morning. No one else is climbing up today. Dozens of sherpa of other expeditions, who were working at high altitude yesterday, are coming down from camp 2. We are already dismantling our base camp and sending loads towards the Pyramid Laboratory".

Italian climbers of the Share Everest 2011 expedition will carry the sensor to the summit upon their shoulders, so they renounced to bring with them any unnecessary weight. "This is an extraordinary effort which meant a total rationalization of the loads" said Da Polenza. The sherpa, in fact, are going to stop at South Col. They will collect the rests of the old weather station and the expedition's equipment.

Find out more on: www.share-everest.com , www.evk2cnr.org, www.montagna.tv

Videos and photos of the mission, at high resolution, may be downloaded by connecting to the following ftp:

Host: [ftp3.evk2cnr.org](ftp://ftp3.evk2cnr.org)

User: [evk2cnrftp3](ftp://evk2cnrftp3)

Password: [kondor77](ftp://kondor77)

Web access: <http://www.ftp3.evk2cnr.org/>

Please note that it is possible to communicate by telephone with the Pyramid-Laboratory and in particular with Agostino Da Polenza, President of the EvK2Cnr Committee and Giampietro Verza, technical responsible of EvK2Cnr's monitoring stations. It is also possible to contact mountaineers Daniele Nardi and Daniele Bernasconi.

To find out more about the SHARE project and its high altitude studies, feel free to contact our press office.

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