

Apa Sherpa Tops His own World Record on Mt. Everest

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Navigating the southeast ridge route with his signature Suunto Core Extreme Edition Everest watch, Apa reached the 8,848 meter peak at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11th after leaving the last camp at 10 p.m.

The limited edition Suunto Core Extreme Edition Everest watch was launched last year in honor of Apa's legendary mountaineering status, determination and world record-setting 20th summit of Mt. Everest. At age 51, Apa continues to push on with his remarkable achievement of 21 successful and safe summits.

"To be able to repeat such a physically and mentally challenging feat of summiting Everest 21 times is incredible," says Chris McKearin, Suunto Consumer Marketing and Events Coordinator. "Apa is the humble epitome of strength and perseverance. The entire Suunto team is very proud and cannot wait for his safe return to Utah."

This year, Apa climbed with the 2011 Eco Everest Expedition to clean up discarded waste from decades of climbing, such as oxygen cylinders, gas canisters, torn tents, ropes and plastic. Joining Apa was his brother Arita Sherpa, two other Sherpas and a few others from a variety of different countries.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of the Suunto Core Extreme Edition Everest go to the Apa Sherpa Foundation to help fund education in Apa's home village of Thame, Nepal.

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