

An Inspiring News Article - The Incredible story of Marin Minamiya

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Marin Minamiya, a 19-year-old Japanese girl, is the youngest female in the world to have reached the summit of Mt Manaslu, which is 8,163 meters high. She first discovered her love of mountaineering when she went trekking with some friends and teachers in Nepal. This news caught my eye when I was reading the Young Post.

Marin's dream is to complete the Explorer's Grand Slam, that is, to reach the North and South Poles, and to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. When I read the news, she had already completed seven of them and was on her way to the top of Mount Everest. According to her plan, her final expedition to the North Pole would be completed in 2017.

When Marin recalled the expedition to Manaslu, she was overwhelmed with memories of the experience. The weather conditions on the mountain were not good and many climbers gave up. Marin and her team members could not make it to the summit until almost the end of the expedition. She said patience and peace of mind had led to their success. However, after reaching the summit, the strongest member in her team died due to high altitude sickness and severe fatigue. I was astonished to realize that

mountaineering can be fatal.

When I was reading the news, there were many questions in my mind. Why would those climbers risk their lives engaging themselves in this dangerous activity? Maybe I would never understand this. However, I did learn one important thing from Marin's story. What personal qualities can help one succeed? I loved music and I had tried many musical instruments but none of my attempts persisted. Whenever I had difficulties, I gave up. I was a member of my school choir. We had intensive schedules for practice every day. However, whenever I felt tired, I wanted to quit. But having read the news, I felt a strong determination developing because Marin had become my heroine.

Marin's story has given me some inspiration about life. First, many people, myself included, have their passion for something, but not many of them persist when they encounter difficulties. Second, although Marin is 19 years old, she has had the incredible experience, which many other people may not even have dreamt of. Third, some climbers gave up when they almost got to the top of Manaslu, but Marin and her teammates did not, and so they succeeded finally. I hope I can be as brave as Marin one day.

