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BYN BLACKYAK Group Declares the 'Himalayan Climate Charter 2025' in Kathmandu, Nepal

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Signed a declaration sharing concerns about the Himalayan climate crisis and outlining practical measures to achieve climate justice
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BYN BLACKYAK Group (CEO Kang Tae Sun, hereafter "BLACKYAK") officially announced the Himalayan Climate Charter 2025 in Nepal, calling for urgent global attention and solidarity on the future of the Himalayas.

On July 5 in the afternoon (local time), BLACKYAK co-hosted the Summit for Earth in Kathmandu, Nepal alongside the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA), Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality, and the Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee (SPCC). A summit dedicated to discussing the environmental future of the Himalayas. About 200 domestic and international guests, including Nepal's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Badri Pandey, attended the event that day.

Known as the "Roof of the World" and the "Third Pole" due to its vast glacial reserves after the Arctic and Antarctic, the Himalayan region is increasingly threatened by global warming. The consequences, reduced snowfall, flooded agricultural land, and waste left behind by climbers, are threatening the surrounding ecosystems and prompting growing calls for environmental protection.

At the Summit for Earth, the participating organizations shared concerns about the intensifying climate crisis in the Himalayas and signed a joint declaration of the Himalayan Climate Charter 2025, outlining core principles and actions to advance climate justice. BLACKYAK and the three other co-hosting organizations signed the declaration.

The Himalayan Climate Charter outlines key commitments, including ▲ A global call for immediate climate action, ▲ Continued clean-up campaigns in the Himalayas, ▲ Technological and community-based collaboration, ▲ Transparent disclosure of environmental data, ▲ Amplification of voices from the climate frontlines, and ▲ Stronger global partnerships and solidarity.

The declaration highlights not only global efforts such as carbon reduction but also local wisdom from communities that have lived in harmony with the Himalayas for generations. It calls for elevating the stories of Icefall Doctors and Sherpas and for utilizing modern tools such as drones and satellite technology to bridge global and local tradition and innovation. A clear roadmap was also presented to encourage participation from national governments and international organizations, including the planned launch of the Himalayan Climate Committee (HCC) in 2026.

CEO Kang Tae Sun, who attended the summit, remarked: "Just as the quiet warning from the Himalayas tells us that the change starting at the highest point will soon reach the lowest, the climate crisis here is now a shared issue for all of humanity. This declaration is not simply a document of promises but a unified call to action for climate justice. We hope this message will spread globally and lead to meaningful change. BLACKYAK, with its roots deeply tied to the Himalayas, will always accompany this journey."

Himalayan Climate Charter 2025

Preamble:

In July 2025, through the Summit for Earth held in Kathmandu, Nepal, we declare our commitment to take the first step toward global action to protect and transform our Himalayas, amplifying the warnings now echoing from these mountains.

The climate crisis is no longer a future threat. It is a reality that is already upon us.

Rising temperatures, collapsing ecosystems, and the rapid vanishing of glaciers are spreading beyond the poles and deserts, deeply affecting even the Himalayas, the lifeline for billions of people.

The Himalayas represent more than just a mountain range. They are the source of life-giving water for billions and a central pillar supporting the climate balance of Earth.

Yet it is the people who have lived here in harmony with nature for generations who are now bearing the brunt. Glaciers are melting. Farmlands are flooding. The homes of those who have long lived here in harmony with nature for generations are being destroyed.

We hereby declare our commitment to protect this land, respect its people, and act for this shared Earth we all call home.

Principles & Commitments:

1. Call for Global Climate Action: Governments, businesses, and civil society of various countries must act now by reducing carbon emissions, transitioning to renewable energy sources, and implementing effective climate adaptation policies.

2. Ongoing Clean-Up Efforts: Annual clean-up campaigns will be conducted in the Himalayas, particularly in the Everest and Khumbu regions, combining Sherpa knowledge with environmental technologies.

3. Technology-Driven Collaboration: Tools like drones, satellite data, and high-altitude equipment will be utilized to enhance transparency, safety, and efficiency in environmental protection efforts.

4. Community-Based Education: Education on climate awareness and safety will be provided, with a focus on Sherpas and high-mountain communities, to promote sustainability.

5. Transparent Disclosure of Environmental Data: Collected waste, carbon impact, and ecological restoration data will be recorded, verified, and publicly disclosed.

6. Amplifying the Voices from the Climate Frontlines: Stories of those who have experienced climate change firsthand, including Icefall Doctors, Sherpas, and porters, will be shared globally to raise awareness and foster connection.

7. Global Partnership and Solidarity: This Charter aims to serve as a model for actionable climate initiatives not only in the Himalayas but also in other high-altitude and climate-vulnerable regions worldwide.

Closing Statement:

The Himalayas are not the end of the Earth. They are the beginning of change, a great mountain that holds our choices.

We hope the message we voice from this mountain will resonate across the globe.
And that this cry will not end with words but lead to real action and lasting change.

Signed in Kathmandu, Nepal, July 2025