

## MARIN MINAMIYA

## Adventurer

Marin Minamiya is the youngest Japanese to climb "the Seven Summits".

She came up with this project when she was 17 and conquered the highest peaks on every continent within a year and a half after breaking the record being also the youngest Japanese to scale Mt. Everest.

The high spirited positive adventurer is one step away from completing the Explorer's Grand Slam (Seven Summits + South pole and North pole) at age 20, which will be the world's youngest record.

Marin moved to Malaysia when she was 18 months old due to her father's job. She lived abroad for 12 years living in Shanghai and Hong Kong. She started climbing mountains at age 13 in Hong Kong and still has vivid memories of when she looked down from the summit of her first hike. The scenery of the coexistence of Hong Kong's concrete jungle and the mountains were so beautiful and special that made her become obsessed in climbing.

In 2014, Marin received "The Duke of Edinburgh's International Gold Award", an award which is to recognize young people that will lead the people.

Most recently in Japan, she was selected as one of the "Change makers of the year 2016".

Also in December 2016, she was appointed as the first female Global Brand Ambassador of UNIQLO.



*"Everyone is climbing a mountain whether you can see it or not."* 

"Where there is passion and will, there is not a dream that can be fulfilled! A dream that has been meticulously calculated, eventually becomes a project... Through my future projects, I sincerely want to make the world a better place for all life. I hope more people in the world come to realise that life is full of opportunities and that the key to all possibilities is within themselves."