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Nepal considers Everest restrictions

尼泊尔考虑对登山者年龄设限



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尼泊尔正在考虑对攀登珠穆朗玛峰者的年龄加以限制，禁止那些它认为年龄过小或过老的人攀登世界最高峰。该国因为没有管理好这一巨额产业而受到批评。以下是 Joanna Jolly 发来的报道：

Ever since Mount Everest opened to **commercial expeditions** in the 1990s, climbers have **sought** to establish world records on the mountain.

The youngest person to reach the **summit** was a 13-year-old from the United States. The oldest climber was 80.

But now Nepal says it wants to limit climbers to between the ages of 18 and 75 in order to better manage the mountain, which has suffered from **overcrowding**. It's also considering banning anyone with disabilities.

The Nepalese government makes millions of dollars a year from the Everest climbing industry, but recently it's come under criticism for poor management.

In 2014 the mountain was closed after 16 **sherpas** died in an accident. And this year the climbing season was also **called off** after a massive earthquake **triggered** an **avalanche** that killed 18 people.

词汇表

commercial expeditions	商业探险
sought	寻求
summit	巅峰
overcrowding	过度拥挤
sherpas	夏尔巴向导
called off	取消了
triggered	引发
avalanche	雪崩

测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. When did Nepal start allowing groups of paying climbers onto Everest?
2. Who will be allowed to climb Everest if they start using the new restrictions?
3. True or false? *The Nepalese government is concerned about the declining number of visitors to Everest.*
4. What caused the avalanche that killed 18 people?

答案

1. When did Nepal start allowing groups of paying climbers onto Everest?
It opened to commercial expeditions in the 1990s.
2. Who will be allowed to climb Everest if they start using the new restrictions?
Climbers aged between 18 and 75, with no disabilities.
3. True or false? *The Nepalese government is concerned about the declining number of visitors to Everest.*
False. The report says Everest suffers from overcrowding and the government is trying to manage the mountain better.
4. What caused the avalanche that killed 18 people?
A massive earthquake.