

# TREKKING THROUGH TANZANIA

TAKING ACTION FOR CHARITY, FOUR WOMEN SET OFF ON AN EXPEDITION TO KILIMANJARO, AFRICA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN. BY JASMINE WONG



The TCRP Founders and catalysts – all set to conquer the mountain.

In February this year, the quartet of spunky ladies from The Chain Reaction Project (TCRP), a home-grown adventure-with-philanthropy group, undertook the Kili[Man] Challenge to raise funds for Amani Kids, a centre for street children.

## CONQUERING KILIMANJARO

The Kili[Man] Challenge is a three-part race that includes a six-day climb of Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest peak in Africa at 5,895m), a 200km mountain bike race around the base of the mountain on days 7 and 8, and finally the 42km Kilimanjaro-Marathon on the ninth day. This is the most arduous adventure that the TCRP founders (Zhang Tingjun, Alexandra Toh, Anina Boshoff and myself) have embarked on. Joining them on the ascent were seven other TCRP catalysts from Singapore. Here's a peek into the group's travel journal.

### PART 1: SCALING MOUNT KILIMANJARO

With each of our backpacks weighing around 8kg, our group hiked over 70km in six days to reach the roof of Tanzania and return.