

June, 2012

**Yakult to Increase Production Capacity of Tianjin Plant in China**  
**—Production facility to be enhanced to enable production of**  
**1.2 million bottles per day by May 2013—**

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that **Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd.** (Tianjin Plant), a subsidiary of Yakult (China) Co. Ltd., would boost the production capacity of the Yakult fermented milk drink.

With this enhancement, the production capacity of the Tianjin Plant will increase to 1.2 million bottles per day by May 2013.

The Tianjin Plant, the third Yakult plant in China, started production in August 2011 with a capacity of 300,000 bottles per day to supply products to North China and Northeast China. Subsequently, the plant enhanced its facilities to boost the production capacity, which reached 600,000 bottles per day earlier this month, in view of the strong sales growth in North and Northeast China.

Sales in China are expected to continue growing in the future. The Tianjin Plant will continue to expand its production capacity and is expected to produce 1.2 million bottles per day in May 2013, ultimately going up to 1.5 million bottles per day.

In May 2013, the three Yakult plants in China together will have a production capacity of 4.2 million bottles per day.

The profile of Tianjin Yakult is as follows:

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Name:                   | <b>Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd.</b>   |
| 2. Location:               | Tianjin Economic - Technological Development Area (TEDA)  |
| 3. Representative:         | Susumu Hirano (Director and President)  |
| 4. Capitalization:         | US\$38.9 million  |
| 5. Established:            | November 29, 2007   |
| 6. Plant building area:    | about 7,000 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| 7. Plant site area:        | about 38,000 m <sup>2</sup>   |
| 8. Plant total floor area: | about 9,000 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| 9. Production capacity:    | 600,000 bottles per day from June 2012; about 1.2 million bottles per day from May 2013 (ultimately, 1.5 million bottles per day) |
| 10. Product:               | the fermented milk drink “Yakult”   |
| 11. Supply area:           | mainly North China and Northeast China (Beijing, Tianjin, Jinan, Yantai, Shenyang, Dalian, Xian, etc.)                            |