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Yakult Starts Production at Wuxi Plant in China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant), a production subsidiary of Yakult (China) Corporation, will start production of the Yakult fermented milk drink on June 1, 2015.

Wuxi Plant is Yakult's fifth production base in mainland China, following plants in Guangzhou (Plants 1 and 2), Shanghai and Tianjin.

Sales of Yakult in China have been growing steadily, with daily average sales of 4.83 million bottles for the period of January to December 2014 (up 27% from a year earlier).

In addition to the continuously improving income levels in recent years, and together with increased awareness regarding health, there is greater understanding of probiotics that contribute to health, and also higher expectations on food safety in China. As demand for Yakult is expected to grow further in the future, the company is responding to such demand increase with the start of production at Wuxi Plant.

The profile of the Wuxi Plant is as follows:



1. Name: Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd.
2. Location: Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Site area: about 62,100 m²
5. Building area: about 16,900 m²
6. Total floor area: about 23,000 m²
7. Established: January 24, 2014
8. Registered capital: US\$100 million (wholly owned by Yakult (China) Corporation)
9. Paid-in capital: US\$46 million
10. Shareholder: Yakult (China) Corporation
11. Start of production: June 1, 2015
12. Product: Yakult fermented milk drink
13. Production capacity: 800,000 bottles per day initially, with production expected to ultimately reach 1.8 million bottles per day within 2015.

[Reference: Profile of Yakult (China)]

1. Name: Yakult (China) Corporation
2. Location: Shanghai, People's Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Established: April 12, 2005
5. Capitalization: US\$219.72 million (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
6. Employees: 1,677 (as of the end of April 2015)