

February 16, 2018

To whom it may concern:

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**Notification Regarding Results and Completion of Share Repurchase  
Via Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading ("ToSTNeT-3") System  
and Cancellation of Shares Held as Treasury Stock**

YAKULT HONSHA CO.,LTD. (the "Company") hereby announces that the following transaction has been carried out today in connection with the share repurchase announced yesterday (February 15, 2018), and that the share repurchase pursuant to the resolution previously adopted at the meeting of its Board of Directors held on February 14, 2018 has been completed.

The Company also announces that it will cancel shares held by it as treasury stock acquired through the share repurchase pursuant to Article 178 of the Companies Act.

**1. Reasons for share repurchase**

The Company has carried out the share repurchase in order to increase shareholder returns and to improve capital efficiency, as well as to mitigate the impact on the supply-demand balance of its shares caused by the Japanese offering by way of purchase and underwriting (*kaitori-hikiuke*) by the underwriters and the International offering as described in the "Notification Regarding Secondary Offering (*Uridashi*) of Shares and Change of Largest Shareholder (which is also a Principal Shareholder) and Other Affiliated Entity" announced on February 14, 2018.

**2. Details of repurchase**

(1) Class of shares repurchased	Common stock of the Company
(2) Total number of shares repurchased	4,864,800 shares
(3) Aggregate repurchase price	¥35,999,520,000
(4) Date of share repurchase	Friday, February 16, 2018
(5) Method of share repurchase	Via Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading (ToSTNeT-3) system of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.

Note: The Company has been informed by Danone Probiotics Pte. Ltd. that it has sold a portion of the shares (4,691,200 shares) of the Company's common stock held by it through the share repurchase. Accordingly, the number of voting rights held by Danone, which used to be the Company's largest shareholder (which is also a principal shareholder) and other affiliated entity, has become 305,208 voting rights and its percentage of total voting rights has become 18.66% (calculated based on 1,636,003 voting rights held by all shareholders as of September 30, 2017, rounded to two decimal places); and accordingly Danone has ceased to be the Company's other affiliated entity.

### 3. Details of cancellation

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| (1) Class of shares to be cancelled        | Common stock of the Company                                                                                |
| (2) Total number of shares to be cancelled | 4,864,800 shares<br>(Total number of issued and outstanding shares after cancellation: 171,045,418 shares) |
| (3) Scheduled cancellation date            | Friday, March 16, 2018                                                                                     |

#### <Reference>

#### 1. Details of matters pertaining to share repurchase resolved at the meeting of the Company's Board of Directors held on February 14, 2018

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Class of shares to be repurchased        | Common stock of the Company                                                                                       |
| (2) Total number of shares to be repurchased | 5,000,000 shares (maximum)<br>(3.02% of total number of issued and outstanding shares (excluding treasury stock)) |
| (3) Aggregate repurchase price               | ¥36 billion (maximum)                                                                                             |
| (4) Period of share repurchase               | From Friday, February 16, 2018 to Wednesday, February 28, 2018                                                    |
| (5) Method of share repurchase               | Via Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading (ToSTNeT-3) system of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.                 |
| (6) Decisions on all other necessary matters | will be entrusted to the President and Representative Director of the Company.                                    |

#### 2. Progress as of February 16, 2018

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| (1) Total number of shares repurchased | 4,864,800 shares |
| (2) Aggregate repurchase price         | ¥35,999,520,000  |

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| (1) Class of shares to be cancelled        | Common stock of the Company                                                           |
| (2) Total number of shares to be cancelled | All shares repurchased through the share repurchase described in <Reference> 1. above |
| (3) Scheduled cancellation date            | Friday, March 16, 2018                                                                |

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