

Promoting Decarbonization Through the Introduction of Solar Power at Yakult Philippines' Second Plant

—Yakult Group's First Initiative Utilizing the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)—

Tokyo, June 25, 2026 - Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) has decided to install solar power generation facilities at the Yakult El Salvador Manufacturing Corporation (hereinafter "Yakult Philippines Plant No. 2"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Yakult Philippines, Inc. (an equity-method affiliate), in order to contribute to decarbonization efforts. The solar panels are scheduled to commence operations in July 2026.

This initiative represents the Yakult Group's first project utilizing the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).*1



1. Background

This project utilizes support provided under the FY2023 Subsidy Programme for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Facility Introduction, an initiative administered by Japan's Ministry of the Environment and selected for implementation in fiscal year 2023.

Rising temperatures due to climate change pose a critical challenge for the Yakult Group, impacting its business in various ways, including effects on agricultural raw materials, health risks from heat stress, and deterioration of working conditions. To help address these challenges, Yakult has decided to introduce solar power generation utilizing the JCM framework.

2. Overview of the Initiative

Under this initiative, Yakult Philippines Plant No. 2 will adopt a solar corporate PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) service*2 utilizing the JCM, provided by Tokyo Century Corporation and MSpectrum Inc., a group company of Meralco, one of the largest power distribution companies in the Philippines.

Solar power generation equipment (with a panel capacity of approximately 1,461 kW) will be installed at the plant and is expected to provide approximately 2.03 million kWh of renewable energy annually. As a result, the project is projected to reduce CO₂ emissions by approximately 1,730 metric tons per year.

The Yakult Group has established and is working toward achieving its Environmental Targets 2030 (revised in May 2025), which serve as the medium-term targets as outlined in the Yakult Group Environmental Vision aimed at realizing a society where people and the planet coexist.

In pursuit of “climate change mitigation and adaptation”—one of the Group’s key environmental priorities—the Yakult Group will continue to pursue effective initiatives under this vision.

Notes

*1 Overview of the Subsidy Programme for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Facility Introduction

The Subsidy Programme for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Facility Introduction, administered by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, provides subsidies for the installation of advanced decarbonization equipment and technologies in JCM partner countries. Through these projects, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are reduced, the resulting emission reductions are measured, reported and verified (MRV), and JCM credits are issued for use toward the achievement of Japan’s GHG emission reduction targets.

This project is implemented through cooperation between the Governments of Japan and the Philippines.

*2 Solar Corporate PPA Service

This model allows a third party to install solar power systems using space provided by the customer (such as on-site land or rooftops) and supply the generated electricity to the customer over the long term.

This arrangement enables customers to utilize renewable energy without upfront investment while contributing to the optimization of electricity costs.