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Yakult Honsha Selected as Constituent of FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index, FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index, and FTSE4Good Index Series

Tokyo, August 4, 2026 - Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita, hereinafter "Yakult Honsha") today announced that Yakult Honsha has been selected as a constituent of FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index[1] (sixth time, six consecutive years), FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index[2] (fifth time, five consecutive years), and FTSE4Good Index Series[3] (sixth time, six consecutive years). These indices are among the world's representative Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") investment indices operated by FTSE Russell, a global index provider.

The Yakult Group is promoting sustainability management in accordance with its corporate philosophy "We contribute to the health and happiness of people around the world through pursuit of excellence in life science in general and our research and experience in microorganisms in particular" and its corporate slogan "In order for people to be healthy, everything around them must also be healthy." In the previous fiscal year, the Group reestablished its materialities in response to changes in the environmental and social landscape in order to further ensure the realization of the Group's long-term vision, referred to as the Yakult Group Global Vision 2030. It also worked on initiatives such as revising Environmental Targets 2030 and Yakult Group Human Rights Policy. These efforts have strengthened the foundation for promoting its sustainability management.

The selection as a constituent of these indices is considered recognition of the Group's sustained efforts in the areas of ESG.

The Group will continue to address social issues while enhancing its corporate value, thereby contributing to the realization of the sustainable society.

・ For further details about the Group's sustainability initiatives, please refer to our corporate website.
[URL] https://www.yakult.co.jp/english/sustainability/

1. FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index

FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index, created by FTSE Russell, a global index provider, is designed to measure the performance of companies that implement specific ESG measures. FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index is widely used in the development and assessment of sustainable investment funds as well as other financial products.

FTSE Russell carries out assessment across areas including climate change, health and safety, corporate governance, and anti-corruption. The companies selected as the constituents of FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Index meet a variety of ESG-related standards.

2. FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index

FTSE JPX Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index, created by FTSE Russell, a global index provider, is designed in a sector-neutral manner to reflect, on a relative basis in each sector, the performance of Japanese companies that implement specific ESG measures. In addition, to promote the transition to a low-carbon economy, companies with particularly high greenhouse gas emissions are included only if their improvement efforts are positively evaluated by the TPI Management Quality Score.

3. FTSE4Good Index Series

FTSE4Good Index Series, created by FTSE Russell, a global index and data provider, aims to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong initiatives across ESG areas.

FTSE4Good Index is used by a wide range of market participants to create and assess responsible investment funds and other investment products. FTSE Russell assesses companies based on their initiatives in areas including climate change, labor safety and health, corporate governance, and anti-corruption.