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**Yakult Starts Construction of Plant in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China**

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that it established Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant) in January 2014 to produce the Yakult fermented milk drink in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China, and started construction of the plant.

In China, the Yakult Group first started production of Yakult in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province in 2002, followed by Shanghai in 2006 and Tianjin in 2011, and it has been expanding production facilities in response to the sales growth in China. More recently, the Group further enhanced the production structure in China with a second plant in Guangzhou, which started production in March 2014, followed by a second production facility at Tianjin Plant, which started production in June.

As demand is expected to continue growing in 2015 onwards, the company decided to build the Wuxi Plant following the Guangzhou Plant, Shanghai Plant and Tianjin Plant and aims to start operation of the new plant in June 2015.

The profile of Wuxi Plant is as follows:

<Conceptual drawing of the completed plant>



1. Name of the company: Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd.
2. Location: Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Site area: about 63,000 m<sup>2</sup>
5. Building area: about 16,600 m<sup>2</sup>
6. Total floor area: about 22,700 m<sup>2</sup>
7. Established: January 24, 2014
8. Registered capital: US\$100 million  
(wholly owned by Yakult (China) Co., Ltd.)
9. Paid-in capital: US\$46 million (May 2014)
10. Shareholder: Yakult (China) Co., Ltd.
11. Start of production: June 1, 2015 (planned)
12. Product: Yakult fermented milk drink
13. Production capacity: 800,000 bottles per day initially, with production expected to ultimately reach 1.58 million bottles per day within 2015.

[Reference: Profile of Yakult (China)]

1. Name: Yakult (China) Co., Ltd.
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: 1,345 (as of the end of June 2014)