

Yakult to Start Construction of Plant in Foshan, Guangdong, China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd. in Guangdong Province, China, would start constructing the Foshan Plant in Foshan, Guangdong Province in July 2017 for production of the Yakult and Yakult Light fermented milk drinks. It will be the third plant for Guangzhou Yakult and the Yakult Group's sixth in China.

Production of Yakult in China started with the Guangzhou Plant in 2002, which was followed by the Shanghai Plant in 2006, Tianjin Plant in 2011, Guangzhou Plant 2 in 2014 and Wuxi Plant in 2015.

Guangdong Province is witnessing strong demand for Yakult in its central cities, given the growing health awareness among people and sales are also expected to expand in suburban cities, which prompted the construction of the Foshan Plant following Guangzhou Plant and Guangzhou Plant 2. The Foshan Plant is planned to start production in March 2019.

The profile of the Foshan Plant is as follows:

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1. Name: Foshan Plant, Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.
2. Location: Foshan, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
3. Site area: 43,589 m²
4. Building area: 16,802 m²
5. Total floor area: 25,382 m²
6. Start of production: March 2019 (scheduled)
7. Products: Yakult and Yakult Light
8. Production capacity: 1.2 million bottles per day

[Reference]

1. Profile of Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.

- (1) Name: Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.
- (2) Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
- (3) Representative: Tomoyasu Muto
- (4) Established: January 16, 2001
- (5) Registered capital: 395.6 million yuan (Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.: 50%, Hong Kong Yakult Co., Ltd.: 35%, Yakult (China) Corporation: 10%, CDC Investment Consultants Inc.: 5%)
- (6) Employees: about 1,200 (as of the end of April 2017)
- (7) Sales: about 2.3 million bottles per day (average for calendar year 2016)

2. Profile of Guangzhou Plant

- (1) Location: Yonghe Economic Development Zone, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
- (2) Site area: 20,325 m²
- (3) Building area: 5,309 m²
- (4) Total floor area: 6,037 m²
- (5) Start of production: June 2002
- (6) Products: Yakult
- (7) Production capacity: about 1.6 million bottles per day

3. Profile of Guangzhou Plant 2

- (1) Location: Luogang District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province,
People's Republic of China
- (2) Site area: 33,645 m²
- (3) Building area: 11,248 m²
- (4) Total floor area: 14,891 m²
- (5) Start of production: March 2014
- (6) Products: Yakult and Yakult Light
- (7) Production capacity: about 2 million bottles per day