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Yakult to Construct Second Production Facility on Wuxi Plant Premises in China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that it would build a second production facility on the premises of Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant), a production subsidiary of Yakult (China) Corporation. The second production facility, which will be called Plant Building 2, is expected to start production in June 2019.

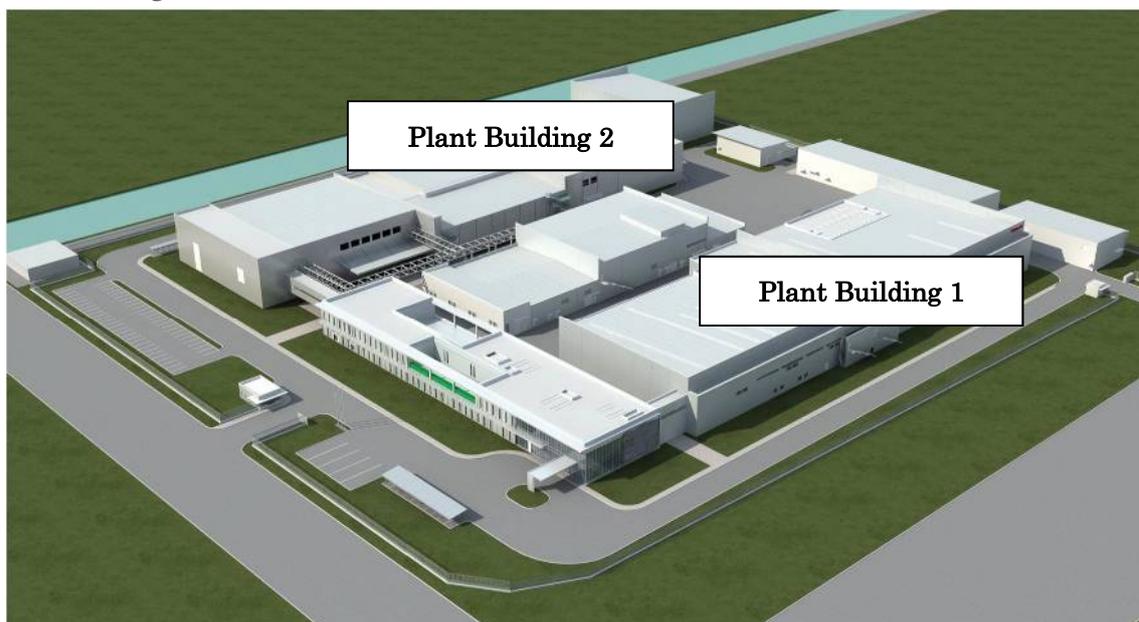
Wuxi Plant began production in June 2015 as a production base for the Yakult Group in mainland China, following plants in Guangzhou (Plants 1 and 2), Shanghai and Tianjin. It subsequently underwent an expansion of production facilities and its current production capacity is 2.2 million bottles per day.

Given the prospect of continued sales growth in China, the company will further raise the overall production capacity of Wuxi Plant by constructing Plant Building 2 on the plant premises.

In June 2019, when Plant Building 2 starts operations, the overall production capacity of Wuxi Plant is expected to be 3 million bottles per day. The production capacity of Plant Building 2 will be raised further by expanding production facilities corresponding to future sales conditions.

The profile of Plant Building 2 at Wuxi Plant is as follows:

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1. Name of the new facility: Wuxi Plant – Plant Building 2
2. Location: Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People’s Republic of China
3. Building area: about 10,500 m²
4. Total floor area: about 15,900 m²
5. Start of construction: January 2018 (plan)
6. Start of production: June 2019 (plan)
7. Products: Yakult and Yakult Light fermented milk drinks (plan)
8. Production capacity: 800,000 bottles per day initially, with production expected to ultimately reach about 2.7 million bottles per day (plan)

[Reference 1: Profile of Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant)]

1. Name: Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd.
2. Location: Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People’s Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Completion: June 2015
5. Capitalization: US\$100 million (wholly owned by Yakult (China) Corporation)
6. Employees: about 220 (as of the end of September 2017)
7. Site area: about 62,000 m²
8. Building area: about 16,900 m²
9. Total floor area: about 23,000 m²
10. Products: Yakult and Yakult Light fermented milk drinks
11. Production capacity: 2.2 million bottles per day

[Reference 2: Profile of Yakult (China)]

1. Name: Yakult (China) Corporation
2. Location: Shanghai, People’s Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Established: April 2005
5. Start of sales: April 2007
6. Capitalization: US\$219.72 million (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
7. Employees: 2,400 (as of the end of September 2017)