

Yakult Starts Production at Foshan Plant in China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) announced today that Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd. would start production of the Yakult Light fermented milk drink at its Foshan Plant on March 28, 2019. Foshan is the company's latest production base to be established in mainland China, following on from Plants 1 and 2 in Guangzhou, as well as the Shanghai, Tianjin and Wuxi facilities.

Guangzhou Yakult began production and distribution of Yakult in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, in 2002 and for calendar year 2018 achieved average daily bottle sales of 2.85 million, representing a 7% increase on the previous year, and a continuation of its' steady growth.

In the major cities of Guangdong Province, growing health awareness has led to a strong demand for Yakult products, while understanding of probiotics has been gradually spreading in the satellite cities, with further growth in sales expected.

Overview of Guangzhou Yakult's Foshan Plant:



1. Name: Foshan Plant, Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.
 2. Location: Sanshui District, 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 28, 2019
 7. Products: Yakult and Yakult Light fermented milk drinks
 8. Production capacity: 1.6 million bottles per day (starting at 1.2 million bottles per day)
N.B. Production to begin with Yakult Light with Yakult to follow based on demand.
 9. Supply area: Guangdong and Hainan Provinces
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1. Profile of Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.

Name:	Guangzhou Yakult Co., Ltd.
Capitalization:	395.6 million yuan (50% held by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd., 35% by Hong Kong Yakult Co., Ltd., 10% by Yakult (China) Corporation, 5% by CDC Investment Consultants Ltd.)
Location:	Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
Representative:	Tomoyasu Muto
Employees:	1,395 (as of the end of December 2018)
Sales:	2.85 million bottles per day (average for calendar year 2018)

2. Profile of Guangzhou Plant 1

Location:	Yonghe Economic Development Zone, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
Site area:	20,325 m ²
Building area:	5,309 m ²
Total floor area:	6,037 m ²
Production capacity:	1.6 million bottles per day
Product:	Yakult fermented milk drink
Start of production:	June 2002

3. Profile of Guangzhou Plant 2

Location:	Luogang District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China
Site area:	33,645 m ²
Building area:	11,248 m ²
Total floor area:	14,891 m ²
Production capacity:	2 million bottles per day
Product:	Yakult and Yakult Light fermented milk drinks
Start of production:	March 2014
