

Establishment of Yakult European R&D Center B.V. in the Netherlands, Yakult's Global R&D Center

TOKYO, September 26, 2025 - Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) is pleased to announce the establishment of “Yakult European R&D Center B.V.” within a dedicated corporate facility on Wageningen Campus in Gelderland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, as a hub in its global R&D framework. The center was officially founded on September 19, 2025, as the center for building a global R&D structure.

< Conceptual Image of the Completed Corporate Tenant Building >



* Yakult European R&D Center B.V. will be located in a room within the corporate tenant building.

Yakult Honsha's products, centering on the *Yakult* series, are sold in 40 countries and regions, including Japan. In recent years, attending to diverse consumer needs and regulatory requirements in each country has become increasingly important. By establishing an R&D center outside of Japan, we aim to create a global hub for food innovation that contributes to health and wellbeing. From that perspective as

well, establishing an R&D center on Wageningen Campus—originated around Wageningen University & Research, a world-renowned research institution in life sciences—is a rare and valuable opportunity. We look forward to deepening our interactions with various companies in the future.

This initiative will not only enhance our product development capabilities but also enable us to explore new seeds of value creation that will drive future business growth. Through this global R&D framework, we aim to evolve into a truly global enterprise.

Overview of Yakult European R&D Center B.V.

1. Name: Yakult European R&D Center B.V.
2. Location: Plus Ultra III, Wageningen Campus, Wageningen, Gelderland, Netherlands
(Bronland 8, Plus Ultra III, 3rd Floor, 6708 WH Wageningen, Netherlands)
3. Representative: Ken Nishikawa
4. Date of establishment: September 19, 2025
5. Company type: For-profit corporation (privately held)
6. Capital: €3.66 million (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)