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Yakult to Build Second Production Facility at Tianjin Plant, China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that it will build a second production facility to produce Yakult fermented milk drink at the premises of Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Plant), a production subsidiary of Yakult (China) Co., Ltd. The new facility will start production in June of 2014.

Tianjin Plant, as the third Yakult plant in mainland China, started production in August 2011 with a capacity of 300,000 bottles per day to supply products to North China and Northeast China. Subsequently, in view of the strong sales growth in North and Northeast China, the plant enhanced its production facilities to boost capacity to its current 600,000 bottles per day, and is expected to reach 1.46 million bottles per day in spring this year.

As sales in China are expected to continue growing in the future, the overall production capacity of Tianjin Plant will be further expanded with the construction of the second production facility, which will be called Plant Building 2, at the plant's premises.

Upon completion of Plant Building 2 in spring 2014, the overall production capacity of Tianjin Plant is expected to reach 2.86 million bottles per day. The capacity of Plant Building 2 will be further increased through expansion as it responds to future sales growth.

The overview of Plant Building 2 is as follows:

<Image of Plant Building 2 of Tianjin Plant upon completion>



1. Name: Tianjin Plant – Plant Building 2 (facility expansion work phase IV)
2. Location: Tianjin Economic - Technological Development Area (TEDA), People’s Republic of China (at the premises of Tianjin Plant)
3. Building area: about 8,600 m²
4. Total floor area: about 12, 300 m²
5. Start of construction: May 2013 (expected)
6. Start of production: June 2014 (expected)
7. Product: the fermented milk drink “Yakult”
8. Production capacity: initially 1.4 million bottles per day (ultimately, about 2.2 million bottles per day)

[Reference 1: Overview of Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Plant)]

1. Name: Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd.
2. Location: Tianjin Economic - Technological Development Area (TEDA), People's Republic of China
3. Representative: Susumu Hirano
4. Established: November 29, 2007
5. Capitalization: US\$54.012 million (wholly owned by Yakult (China) Co. Ltd.)
6. No. of employees: 86 (as of the end of December 2012)
7. Site area: about 38,300 m²
8. Building area: about 6,900 m²
9. Total floor area: about 9,100 m²
10. Product: the fermented milk drink "Yakult"
11. Production capacity: 600,000 bottles per day (ultimately, 1.46 million bottles per day)

[Reference 2: Overview of Yakult (China) Co., Ltd.]

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\$149.856 million (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
6. No. of employees: 785 (as of the end of December 2012)