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Yakult Starts Production at 2nd Production Facility at Tianjin Plant, China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Takashige Negishi) today announced that a second production facility, constructed on the premises of Tianjin Yakult Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Plant), a production subsidiary of Yakult (China) Co. Ltd., started production of the Yakult fermented milk drink on June 16, 2014.

As the third plant in the mainland China following Guangzhou and Shanghai Plants, Tianjin Plant started production in August 2011 and has been boosting its production capacity. The construction of the second production facility further increases the production capacity of the plant, and the first and second facilities together will eventually have the capacity to produce 3.65 million bottles per day.

In addition to improving income levels, there is increased awareness regarding health as well as greater understanding of probiotics in China, and sales are expected to continue growing in the future. The company will respond to such demand increase by enhancing the production system such as that at the second production facility at Tianjin Plant.

The profile of the second production facility of Tianjin Plant is as follows:



1. Name of the new facility: Tianjin Plant – Plant Building 2
2. Location: Tianjin Economic - Technological Development Area (TEDA), People's Republic of China
3. Building area: about 9,200 m²
4. Total floor area: about 14,300 m²
5. Product: Yakult fermented milk drink
6. Start of production: June 16, 2014
7. Production capacity: 400,000 bottles per day initially, with production expected to ultimately reach 2.25 million bottles per day within 2014.

[Reference 1: Profile of Tianjin Yakult (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\$94,899,000 (wholly owned by Yakult (China) Co., Ltd.)
6. Employees: 266 (as of the end of May 2014)
7. Site area: about 39,900 m²
8. Building area: about 8,000 m² (Plant Building 1)
9. Total floor area: about 10,100 m² (Plant Building 1)
10. Product: Yakult fermented milk drink
11. Production capacity: 1.4 million bottles per day (Plant Building 1)
12. Start of production: August 2011

[Reference 2: Profile of Yakult (China)]

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\$219.72 million (wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
6. Employees: 1,323 (as of the end of May 2014)