

## **Yakult Becomes Sedex Member to Strengthen Supply Chain Management**

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) announced that it became a member of Sedex Information Exchange Limited (hereinafter referred to as “Sedex”), a membership-based organization that offers an information sharing platform regarding responsible sourcing.

Sedex is a British NPO membership organization aimed at promoting responsible sourcing activities and offers a platform for members to share business practice information. It also offers universal self-assessment questionnaires and an audit scheme and its members can share the results of the questionnaires and audit results on the electronic platform.

The Yakult Group counts supply chain management as one of its material issues and believes that for Yakult’s sustainable business development it is important to improve the sustainability of society by considering the impact of the entire supply chain on the environment and society and by mitigating risks. It formulated the Yakult Group CSR Procurement Policy in 2018 and the Yakult Group Supplier CSR Guidelines in 2020 and is working to identify risks by conducting a CSR procurement survey for suppliers and communicating with them, driving forward CSR sourcing that is mindful of the environment and human rights.

Going forward, the Yakult Group will utilize the Sedex platform and promote further enhancement of sustainable sourcing activities in cooperation with its suppliers.

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