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To whom it may concern:

Company name Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.
Representative Hiroshi Narita
President and Representative Director
(Securities code: 2267, TSE Prime Market)

Notification Regarding Transition to a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (the "Company") hereby announces that it has resolved, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, to transition from a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Board to a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee, subject to approval by the 75th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2027, as described below.

1. Purpose of the transition

In line with its philosophy, "We contribute to the health and happiness of people around the world through pursuit of excellence in life science in general and our research and experience in microorganisms in particular," the Company has continued to strengthen its corporate governance in order to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value over the medium to long term.

Amid ongoing significant changes in the business environment for the Company Group, the Company believes that, in order to advance the Management Policy for Enhancing Corporate Value announced today, it is important to establish a management structure that further enhances the transparency and objectivity of management and enables more prompt and agile decision-making from the viewpoint of strengthening the governance framework.

Based on this understanding, the Company has decided to transition from a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Board to a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee.

Upon this transition, a majority of the Board of Directors will be outside directors so that it will supervise management more rigorously, and a highly independent and objective governance framework will be established. The Company will also clearly define the roles of business execution and supervision, strengthen the supervisory function of the Board of Directors further, and facilitate authority delegation to operating departments to speed up the decision-making process. In addition, the Company will change the officer composition from the current 18 (including 13 directors and five auditors) to a maximum of 12 directors to optimize the size of the Board of Directors and increase its effectiveness, aiming to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value over the medium to long term.

2. Timing of the transition

The Company expects to obtain approval at the 75th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2027 for proposals related to the transition, including a revision of the Articles of Incorporation necessary to enable it, and become a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee on the same date.

3. Future schedule

The officer composition after the transition, the revision of the Articles of Incorporation, and other details will be announced promptly once determined.

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