

Yakult Starts Production at Second Plant at Wuxi Yakult in China

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) today announced that Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant), a production subsidiary of Yakult (China) Corporation, has started production of the fermented milk drink Yakult 50 Billion Light at its second plant.

With the start of production at Wuxi Yakult Plant 2, the Yakult Group now has seven plants operating in five cities in mainland China—Guangzhou (Plant 1 and Plant 2), Shanghai, Tianjin, Wuxi (Plant 1 and Plant 2), and Foshan.

Sales in mainland China are still being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic but demand is expected to increase in the future given the rise in health consciousness and growing understanding of probiotics in addition to the improvement in income levels in the country.

The profile of Wuxi Plant 2 is as follows:



1. Plant name: Wuxi Yakult Plant 2
2. Location: Xinwu District, Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China
3. Site area: About 66,660 m²
4. Building area: About 23,460 m²
5. Total floor area: About 34,049 m²
6. Start of production: January 26, 2023
7. Product: Yakult 50 Billion Light fermented milk drink
8. Production capacity: 900,000 bottles per day (at the start of production)

[Reference]

1. Profile of Yakult (China) Corporation

- (1) Name: Yakult (China) Corporation
- (2) Capitalization: 1,491.52 million yuan (as of end of June 2022)
(wholly owned by Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd.)
- (3) Location: Shanghai, People's Republic of China
- (4) Representative: Noriyuki Umehara
- (5) Established: April 2005
- (6) Start of operations: April 2007
- (7) Employees: 3,001 (as of end of October 2022)
- (8) Sales performance: 4,164,000 bottles per day (Including sales by Yakult Shanghai and Yakult Beijing)
(average for the January–December 2021 period)
- (9) Sales area: Mainland China excluding Guangdong and Hainan Provinces

2. Profile of Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd. (Wuxi Plant)

- (1) Name: Wuxi Yakult Co., Ltd.
- (2) Location: Xinwu District, Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China
- (3) Representative: Noriyuki Umehara
- (4) Capitalization: 1,540.57 million yuan (as of the end of June 2022)
(wholly owned by Yakult (China) Corporation)
- (5) Employees: 394 (as of the end of October 2022)
- (6) Overview of Plant 1

| | Plant 1 Building | Plant 2 Building |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Building area | About 16,900 m ² | About 10,500 m ² |
| Total floor area | About 23,000 m ² | About 15,900 m ² |
| Production capacity | 2.2 million bottles per day | 1.8 million bottles per day |
| Products | Yakult Yakult Light | Yakult |
| Start of production | June 2015 | June 2019 |