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Yakult Philippines Starts Production at Second Plant

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) today announced that Yakult El Salvador Manufacturing Corp. ("Yakult Philippines Plant 2"), a wholly owned subsidiary of its equity method affiliate Yakult Philippines Incorporated, began production of *Yakult*.

The Yakult Group started production of *Yakult* in the Philippines in October 1978 at its Calamba Plant (Yakult Philippines Plant 1) in the Province of Laguna located in the southern part of the island of Luzon, where it currently produces *Yakult* and *Yakult Light*.

Located in El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental in the northern part of Mindanao Island, Yakult Philippines Plant 2 will respond to an increase in demand resulting from market cultivation in Mindanao, areas to its south, as well as Visayas.

The profile of Philippines Yakult Plant 2 is as follows.



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1.	Name:	Yakult El Salvador Manufacturing Corp. (Yakult Philippines Plant 2)
		*Wholly owned by Yakult Philippines, Inc.
2.	Capitalization:	2.0 billion Philippine pesos
3.	Location:	El Salvador, Misamis Oriental, Mindanao, the Philippines
4.	Representative:	Michael Ong
5.	No. of employees:	51 (as of the end of December 2023)
6.	Site area:	About 41,738 m ²
7.	Construction area:	About 18,709 m ²
8.	Total floor area:	About 25,583 m ²
9.	Established:	August 2022
10.	Start of production:	May 2024
11.	Products:	Yakult and Yakult Light *The plant will initially produce Yakult alone.
12.	Production capacity:	1.38 million bottles per day at the start of production
		(The maximum production capacity is expected to be 2.76 million
		bottles per day after facility enhancement)

[Reference]

1. Profile of Yakult Philippines Incorporated

Name:	Yakult Philippines, Inc.
	*Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. has a 40% stake
Capitalization:	10.0 billion Philippine pesos
Location:	Manila, the Philippines
Representative:	Albert Dy Sun
No. of employees:	1,450 (as of the end of November 2023)

2. Profile of Calamba Plant (Yakult Philippines Plant 1)

Name:	Calamba Plant			
Site area:	About 30,000 m ²			
Construction area:	About 5,829 m ² (production building alone)			
Total floor area:	About 9,039 m ² (production building alone)			
Production capacity: 4.7 million bottles per day				
Products:	Yakult and Yakult Light			
Start of production:	October 1978			