

News Release

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Members of the press:

Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc.

New Hiroshima Plant Line 2 starts operation on July 3
Seven new production lines in 2019 & 2020
Introducing latest manufacturing technology across Japan

Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc. (Headquarters in Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director & President Calin Dragan; hereafter "CCBJ") started operation of a second production line at its brand-new Hiroshima Plant on July 3, leveraging world-leading manufacturing and automation technology. The Hiroshima Plant will cover the manufacturing capacity of the former Hongo Plant before the flooding disaster in 2018 as well as growing consumer demand, and will allow for stable product supply to the Chugoku and Shikoku regions of Japan. The new production Line 2 increases overall production capacity and allows for the production of innovative new products. In addition, through innovation in plant automation and the introduction of the latest IoT technology, it will play a leading role in transforming production process management and work-style reform.

CCBJ announced investments in seven new production lines in 2019 and 2020 as part of its strategic business plan. Now that all seven new lines are up and running, CCBJI is well-positioned with a solid and renewed foundation for growth to respond to the changing market environment and diverse needs of customers and consumers.

The following are the seven new lines that have been newly constructed since 2019.

	Operation start date	Plant Name	Main products	Production capacity 500PET/1min
1	April 25, 2019	Kyoto Plant Line 3, Kumiyama-cho, Kuse-gun, Kyoto	Sokenbicha, Ayataka	900 bottles
2	May 10, 2019	Kumamoto Plant Line 1, Minami-ku, Kumamoto-city, Kumamoto	I LOHAS Natural Mineral Water	900 bottles
3	October 25, 2019	Kyoto Plant Line 2, Kumiyama-cho, Kuse-gun, Kyoto	Georgia, Kochakaden	600 bottles
4	April 10, 2020	Hakushu Plant Line 1, Hokuto City, Yamanashi	I LOHAS Natural Mineral Water	900 bottles
5	June 1, 2020	Hiroshima Plant Line 1, Mihara City, Hiroshima	Sokenbicha, Ayataka	900 bottles

6	July 1, 2020	Zao Plant Line 6, Zao-machi, Katta-gun, Miyagi	Sokenbicha, Ayataka	900 bottles
7	July 3, 2020	Hiroshima Plant Line 2, Mihara City, Hiroshima	Coca-Cola, Ayataka	900 bottles

※Kumamoto, Hakushu, and Hongo are also operating warehouses that have introduced state-of-the-art technologies as part of recent investments in high-efficiency and stable product supply.



▲ Exterior appearance of New Hiroshima Plant ▲ President Calin Dragan pushing the start button on Line 2

■ Comments from Bruce Herbert, Executive Officer, Head of SCM, Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc.

I am grateful that seven new lines have been completed as planned to ensure stronger manufacturing capacity. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation once again to all those involved in the construction of the new lines. As all of our new lines are designed to make full use of the latest technologies, I believe that they will not only enable us to continue to provide safe, reliable and delicious Coca-Cola products, but also these investments represent a commitment toward our future together with the communities in which we operate across Japan.

[Reference: Overview of New Hiroshima Plant Line 2]

- Name: Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc. New Hiroshima Plant Line 2
- Location: Soujou, Numatanishi-cho, Mihara City, Hiroshima Prefecture
- Manufacturing line: Aseptic line
- Operation start: July 2020
- Manufacturing capacity: 900 bottles a minute (Small PET)
- Manufacturing items: Sparkling, sports, juice beverages etc.

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