

Business Strategy Conference Food Segment

Meiji's China Business

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Positioning of China Business in Meiji Group's 2026 Vision and 2023 Medium-Term Business Plan



Key Strategies for Meiji Group 2026 Vision Establish a growth foundation in overseas markets

Target: Increase the overseas sales ratio in the entire Group

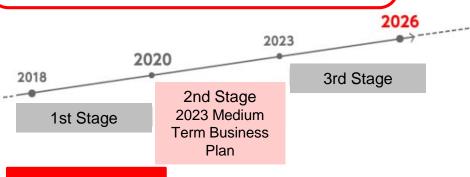
Meiji Group 2026 Vision

Operating income growth rate:

Mid to high single-digit (CAGR)

Overseas sales ratio: Target at 20%

ROE: Maintain 10% or more



Key Strategies

- Secure an overwhelming advantage in core businesses
- 2. Establish growth foundation in overseas markets
- 3. New challenges in the health value domain
- Social contributions

Quantitative target for overseas sales ratio

Meiji Holdings

20% or more

Food segment

10% or more

Positioning of China Business in Meiji Group's 2026 Vision and 2023 Medium-Term Business Plan



- Business Strategy for the Food Segment
 China: Priority Areas for Strengthening Overseas Expansion
- 2023 Medium-Term Business Plan Setting higher goals than other areas Driving force in overseas business

2023 Medium-Term Management Plan

Expand overseas Business

China

 Increase production capacity significantly Production capacity at the end of FY 2023 (Based on monetary amount, compare to FY 2020)

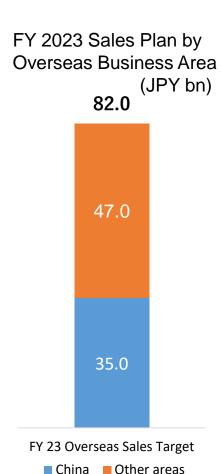
Milk and yogurt About 4 times (Expand capacity in Suzhou*¹, New factory in Tianjin*², Guangzhou*³)

Confectionary About 2 times (New factory in Guangzhou*3)

Ice cream About 2 times (New factory in Shanghai*3)

 Increase sales of functional yogurt and SAVAS





Positioning of China Business in Meiji Group's 2026 Vision and 2023 Medium-Term Business Plan



China: The top priority area for overseas business

Market size

- Population and GDP are expected to continue to grow
- The market size for our business domain in China is larger than that of other countries, and its growth rate is high

The Meiji Brand loyalty

- We have been developing our business for long* and have already build loyalty to the Meiji brand
 - * Year we started business operation in China Confectionery in 1993, Ice cream in 1994, Milk and yogurt in 2013, Nutrition in 2020

Growing health awareness

- The health foods market is expanding
- Chinese government is promoting measures to improve people's health



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2. Our Mission for China Business



Mission

We will provide our products to as many as customers in China. We produce products taking advantage of the technology, knowledge, and experience we have cultivated in Japan. Thus contributing to their "healthy and rich dietary."

Our strength

- Know-how cultivated over 100 years of history
 Production technology, R&D, and quality control
- Safe, reliable, and tasty products with a focus on quality
- Contributing to a wide range of customers' dietary needs by developing a wide variety of products

Expand product lines



Milk, Yogurt, Confectionary, Ice cream, Nutritional products, Foods for commercial use

2. Our Mission for China Business



Contributing to a "healthy and rich diet" for consumers of all ages in China by developing a wide variety of products



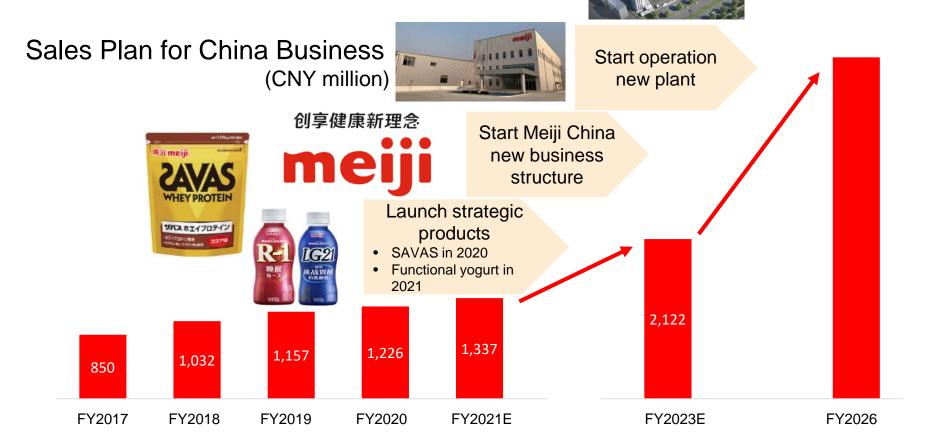


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3. Medium- to Long-Term Business Targets for China Business



Plans to dramatically expand operations in FY2026
Launch strategic products
Start new Meiji China business structure
Start operation in new plants





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4. Investment Plan for China Business

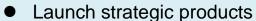


Make necessary investment to achieve the business plan

- Invest in a ranching company (Aust Asia)
 - · Acquire stable and high-quality raw milk procurement
 - · For expansion of milk business
 - · USD 254.4 million



- Established Meiji Dairies (Tianjin) in 2019
 - · Expand business in northern China market
 - · Expand production capacity for milk and yogurt business
 - · Capital: CNY 620 million



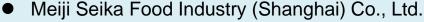
- · SAVAS brand Launched in 2020
- Functional yogurt Launched in 2021







- Meiji Food (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd. established in 2020
 - Meiji Group's First Combined Plant Manufacture milk, yogurt, and chocolate
 - · Expand business in South China market
 - · Capital: CNY 1.2 billion



- New ice cream factory
- · Capital: CNY 650 million





Now ideas for wellness

4. Investment Plan for China Business

Strengthen production systems in each business to achieve sales targets for the Meiji Group 2026 Vision

Meiji Dairies (Tianjin)

Est. in 2019 Milk, yogurt **Expand capacity**

in January 2023

(Shanghai)

Milk, Yogurt and

Confectionery

Est. in 2020

- Build three factories in the milk and yogurt business Build a optimal production system to each business
- Meiji Food (Guangzhou):
 - Our first factory manufactures milk, yogurt, and confectionery products
 - Production base for high-value-added products

Establish and expand new production bases 明治乳業(天津)有限公司 2019年設立 牛乳、 内蒙古自治区 明治乳業(蘇州)有限公司 2011年設立 牛乳、ヨーグルト 明治制果食品工業(上海)有限公司 Meiji Seika Food Industry 2005年設立 チョコレート菓 Est. in 2005 Chocolate 明治(中国)投資有限公司 **Build Ice Cream factory** 2019年設立 投資性会社 Start operation in 2023 広州明治制果有限公司 1993年設立 チョコレート菓子 Meiji Food (Guangzhou) 明治雪糕(広州)有限公司 2012年設立 アイスクリーム 明治食品(広州)有限公司 **Start operation in October 2023**

Production sites in China



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5. Establishment of Meiji China: Purpose and Significance



Build a business foundation in China to achieve the Meiji Group 2026 Vision

- Transfer authority to Meiji China* and prompt group-wide business operations to expand business in China
- Strengthen internal management systems and efficient business execution
 for expanding organizations
 * Meiji (China) Investment Co., Ltd.

Theme

Significance

Establish area management Group-wide management

- Accelerate business management by transfering authority to Meiji China
- Use management resources effectively through group-wide management
- Create synergy effects by utilizing multi-category products

Strengthen and improve efficiency through functional intgration

- Improve efficiency of the corporate division:
 Finance and human resources administration
- Strengthen governance functions: Unifiy and systematize business flow
- Establish system to realize wide-area logistics
 Establish new logistics division

Penetrate the Meiji brand
Strengthen product development
system

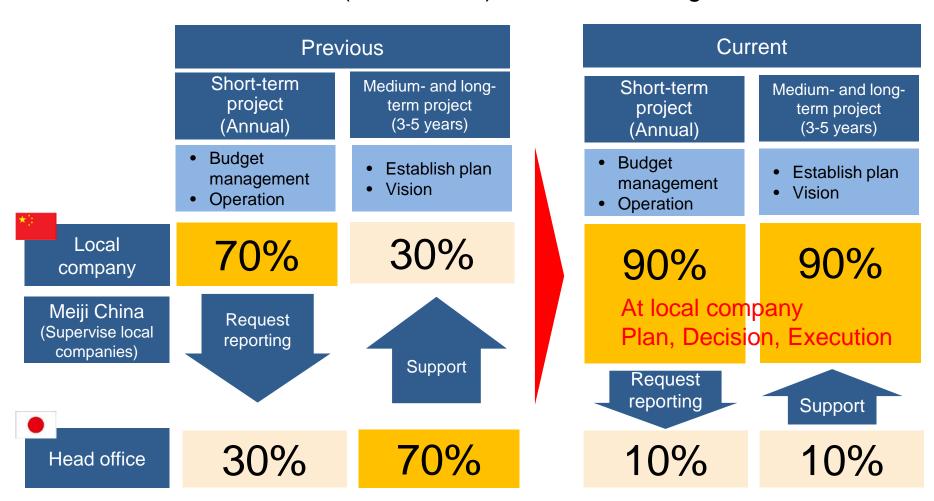
- Implement Group-wide measures to expand the Meiji brand
- Promot the Meiji brand penetration in North and South China
- Establish the Product Development Center to strengthen and accelarate development capabilities

5. Establishment of Meiji China: Purpose and Significance



- Transfer authority and accelerate business management
- Manage business locally
 Individual businesses (Head office)

 Local management in China





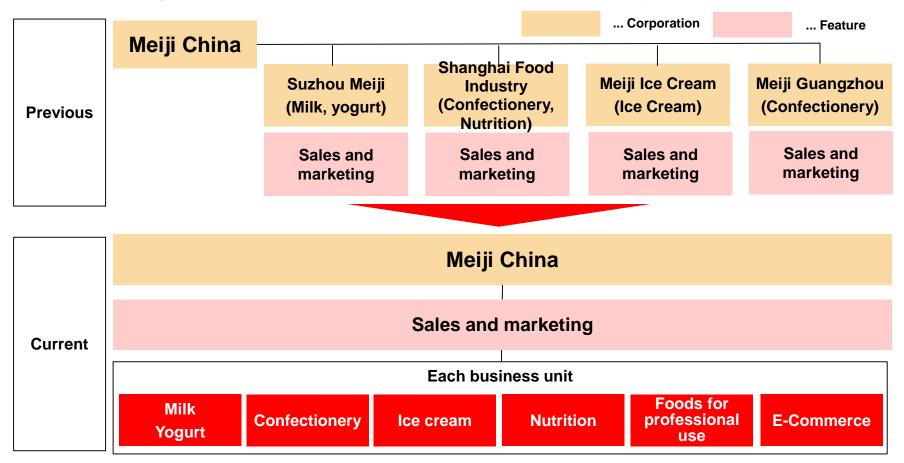
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6. Meiji China: New Organization Structure



Previousely, each local company manage business independently From January 2022, sales and marketing functions were consolidated in Meiji China.

Conceptual Diagram for the Transition to the New Meiji China System

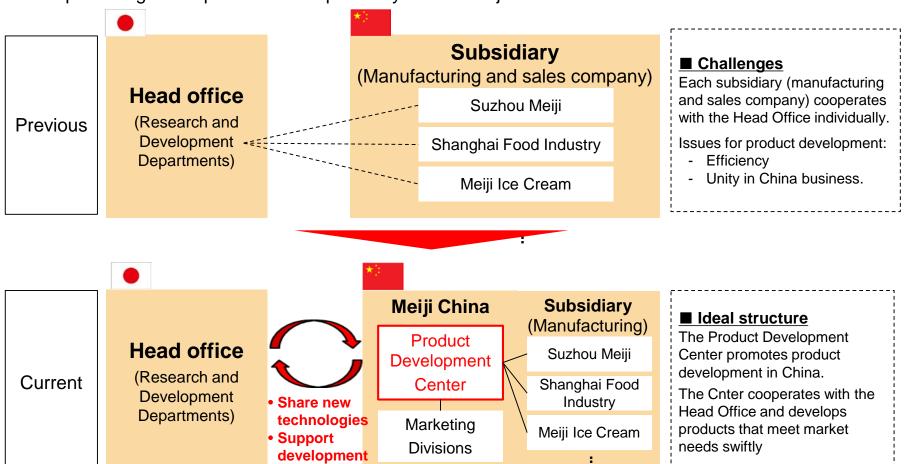


6. Meiji China: New Organization Structure



- Planning new product development center in Meiji China
- Establish a system to develop products swiftly that reflects local needs and preferences in China, where market changes rapidly

Conceptual diagram of product development system in Meiji China





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7. Market Environment in China



- The most recent growth potential for each channel is as follows The business environment has changed significantly due to the expansion of CVS and New Retail
- Focusing our management resources on growth channels, we will increase sales

Channel	Hyper	SM	cvs	EC	New Retail	Foods for professional use
Growth potential	Δ	Δ	\circ	0		
Summary	Hyper SM	Used to dominate the market but has been losing market share. CVS increases number of stores and New Retail has grown.				
	cvs	Expected to grow. Expand resion for new stores and increasing new entrants				
	EC	Market expanding annualy. As the chilled distribution network is expanding, sales of chilled products are increasing.				
	New Retail	Growning rapidly in recent years as a combination of e-commerce and physical stores. Its strength is its selection of fresh foods and convenience.				
	Food for professional use	Growing due to increase in the number of café chains and stores				

Reference (examples of EC activities)



Live commerce

Live commerce linked to live streaming platform by influencers is the latest trend Below are some of the examples









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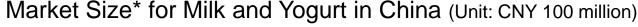


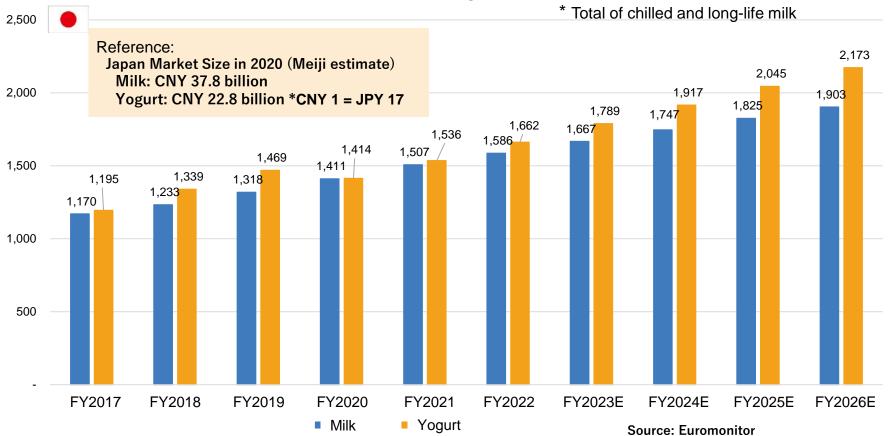
Milk and Yogurt



Milk and yogurt market in China

- Expanding annually and is expected to continue to expand.
- The growth rate of chilled milk is higher than that of long-life milk.







Competition in the milk market

- The number of manufacturers entering chilled milk market are increasing
 - Private brand products are becoming more popular.
- Differentiated products are increasing:
 - Containers and manufacturing methods

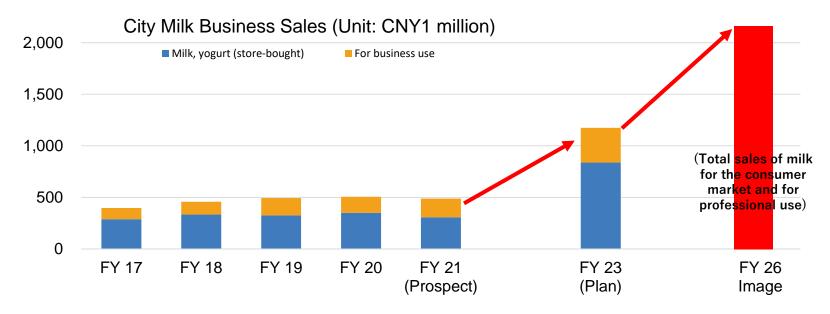
Competition in the yogurt market

- The number of manufacturers entering yogurt market are increasing (similar to the milk market)
 - Private brand products are becoming more popular.
- Differentiation of contents is the latest trend:
 - Zero appeal: Zero sugar, Zero calory, Zero fat



Meiji's sales trends

- Milk for the consumer market
 Sales decreased in FY2021
 Due to the higher sales in the previous year + harsh competition
- Milk for professional use
 Sales increased due to acquisition of a new customer
- Expected to expand in FY2022
 Expand sales areas, launch new products, and brushing up existing products
- Plans to expand the business further after FY2023 after completion of production capacity expansion





Our Products

Milk Fermented milk drink







Yogurt

Chilled milk

Low-fat milk

Fermented milk drink

Meiji Bulgaria Yogurt



Plane



Meiji Bulgarian Yogurt

Flavored



Meiji Bulgarian Yogurt

Low-fat, Flavored

Meiji Bulgaria Yogurt Drink







Flavored

Functional yogurt Meiji Probio Series



LG 21

Meiji Probio Yogurt

R-1

Meiji Probio Yogurt R-1

Meiji Breakfast Fruit Yogurt



Purple mix flavor



Passive red mixed flavor



Fresh green mixed flavor

Fresh Milk





Flavored

Flavored



Business Expansion Strategy for milk and yogurt

Basic Strategy

- Use expertise fostered in Japan (Brand, knowledge and technology)
- Launch high quality, high value-added products
- Develop business partnerships mainly in North and South China and expand business

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- 1. Expand business in the North and South China
 - Increase the number of sales personnel in North and South China, and increase agencies and chain stores
 - Build/expand the Meiji brand recognition

Measure

- 2. Expand product line
 - Launch high value-added products utilizing cutting-edge equipment in new plant
 - Examine the possibility of launching SAVAS Milk
- 3. Expand sales through EC channel
 - Hire E-commerce specialists from outside the company and strengthen our efforts to get EC business on track
 - Expand sales promotion opportunities through collaboration with other businesses within Meiji



Enhance our product appeal:

Improve existing products

Launch high-value-added products manufactured in new plants

Existing products













Improve existing products:

Keep up with the rapidly
changing market environment

New products

Tianjin New Plant (Start operation in January 2023)









Launch new milk product and SAVAS Milk.

Planing to launch products with value unique to meiji utilizing cutting-edge equipment in new plant



Food for professional use



Target market

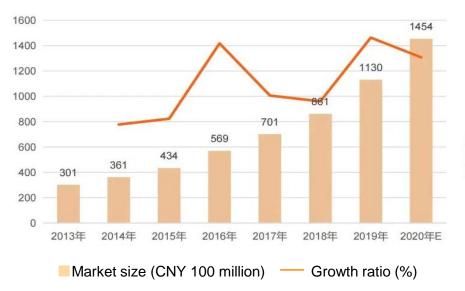
Tea market Café **Convenience store Bakery**



Café and coffee market in China

- Coffee market in China (our major battleground for professional use)
 Continue growing and is expected to reach CNY 145.4 billion in 2020
- Coffee consumption per person also continues to grow

Trends in the Chinese Coffee Market (2013-2020)



Trends in coffee consumption per person in China (2013-2020)

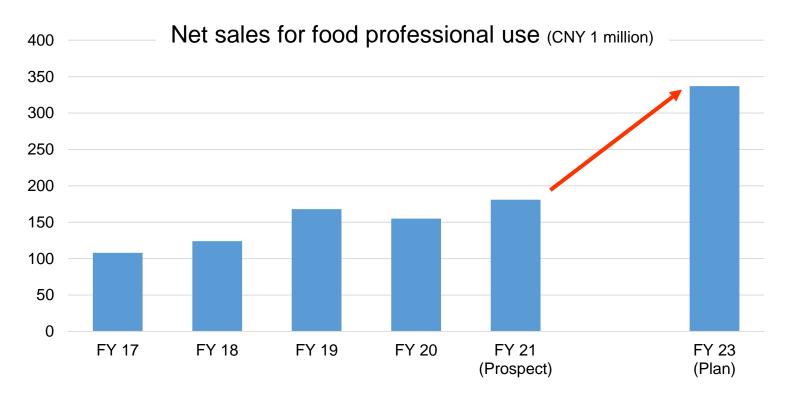


Source: Exhibition of white leather in Beijing, China, 2021. Shikkai & Memon Throwing Company



Meiji's Sales Trends

- Café chains are the main customers of chilled milk, which accounts for the majority of sales. The cream is sold to bakeries, confectioneries, CVS, etc.
- In FY2021, sales increased significantly from the previous year due to the steady introduction of new café chains





Our Product lines

Milk and Cream



Meiji Milk

Milk for food service industry

Coffee milk

Product Features: Enhance the flavor of coffee



Cream Fat 35%

100% animal fat cream
Used for dessert products
in convenience store and
pastry shops

Ice Cream





Bulk Ice 2.1 kg

6 flavors: vanilla, chocolate, adzuki beans, matcha green tea, mango, and strawberry

Chocolate





Chocolate for professional use 1 kg

4 flavors: black chocolate 56%, black chocolate 70%, matcha green tea, and Strawberry

8. Overview of Each Business (Food for professional use)



Our strategy

Basic Strategy

- The only manufacturer in China
 Can manufacture high-quality dairy products, chocolate and ice cream for professional use in-house
- Differentiate our products and achieve further growth

1. Strengthen sales proposals for cafe businesses that is expanding continually

Measure

- 2. Expand sales in North China
 - Start operation new plant in Tianjin
 - Increase new customers
- 3. Improve customer satisfaction
 - Propose recipes for pastry, bread and desserts using our products

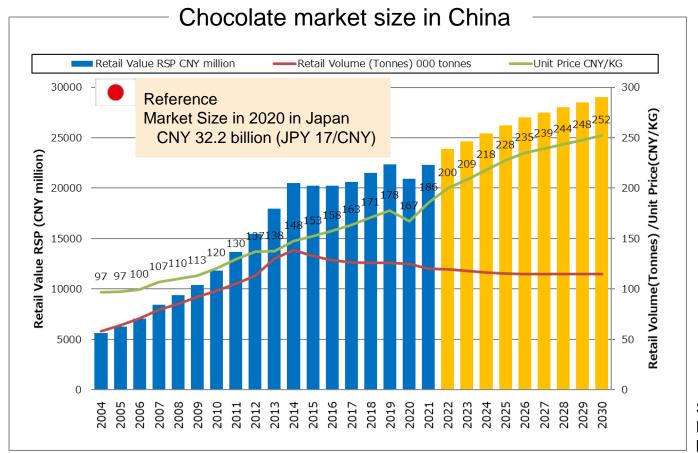


Confectionery



Chocolate market in China

- China's chocolate market in 2021 was CNY 22,280 million (+ 6.6% year on year)
- Chocolate market has the potential to grow at an accelerating rate by 2030
- The keywords for expanding our sales are "health," "summer," and "gifts"

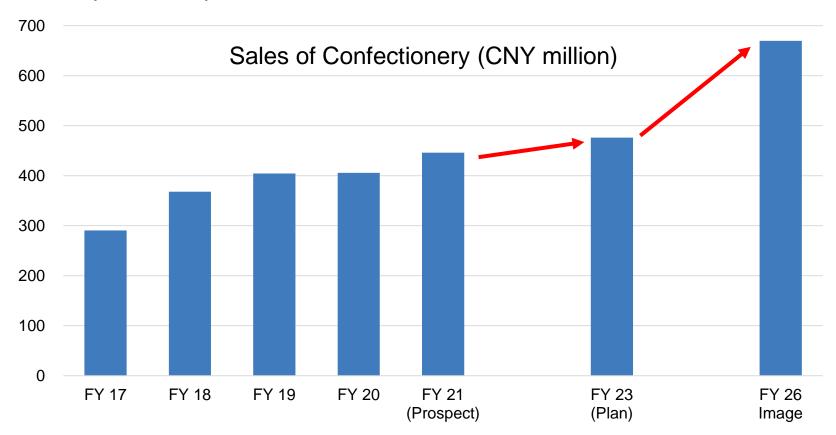


Source: Euromonitor until 2021 Meiji estimate for 2025 and beyond



Meiji's Sales Trends

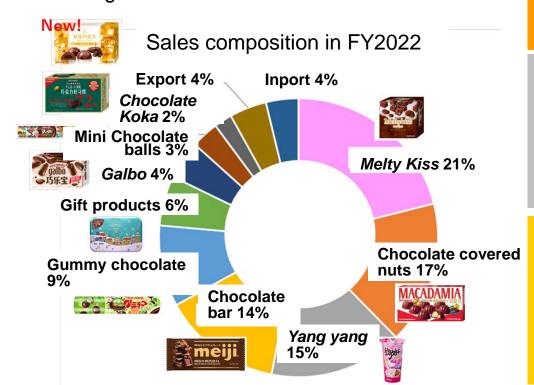
- Sales have been steadily increasing since FY2017
- Expand sales towards FY2026
 - A new plant in Guangzhou will start operation in autumn 2023
 - Expand new product lines





Our company Products

- About 70% of sales comes from four brands:
 Melty Kiss, Chocolate covered nuts, Chocolate bar, and Yangyang
- Plans to launch an original jewelry-themed brand in FY2022 in China Expand its market share in the gift market through wedding routes



Melty Kiss

- Our most sold brand in China
- Maximize sales: Strengthen channel-specific initiatives
- Enhance marketing using Ms.
 Yui Aragaki, who is also popular in China



Chocolate covered nuts

- Meiji's leading brands:
 Almond Chocolate and
 Macadamia Chocolate
- Attract new customers:
 Launch China-only flavors



Yang yang

 Targeting mainly at mothers and children: Packaging featuring Hello Kitty, popular in China



 Low-priced products: Expand aggressively into tier 2 and 3 cities

Chocolate bar

- Sales have been strong after the package renewal in 2019
- Has grown to the third pillar manufactured in Shanghai
- Aggressively promote and cultivate new sales areas since it is Meiji's symbolic product





Strategy for confectionery

Basic Strategy

- Expand business by differentiating our products from other companies'
- Increase brand exposure by using:
 Health, high added value, and Meiji's strengths

1. Expand territory into untouched areas

- Improve cooperation with existing agents by increasing sales personnel
- Work on selling gummy chocolate and Yang yang in untouched areas
- Expand sales areas in tier 1 and 2 cities (increase sales personnel)

2. Increase sales through E-commerce

- Rebuild business model and increase sales at flagship store in E-commerce
- Develop business model and deploy to other E-commerce platforms

3. Strengthen initiatives for core products, products to boost sales, and strategic products

- Strengthening initiatives for Melty Kiss, chocolate covered nuts, chocolate bar
- Accelerate product development to meet demands in the gift market (including wedding gifts)

Measure



- Boost sales of our strategic products, including chocolate bar, by developing new market
- Put more efforts in EC business, that is rapidly growing

Boost sales of our strategic products





Put more efforts in EC business

EC flagship store Improve website page design

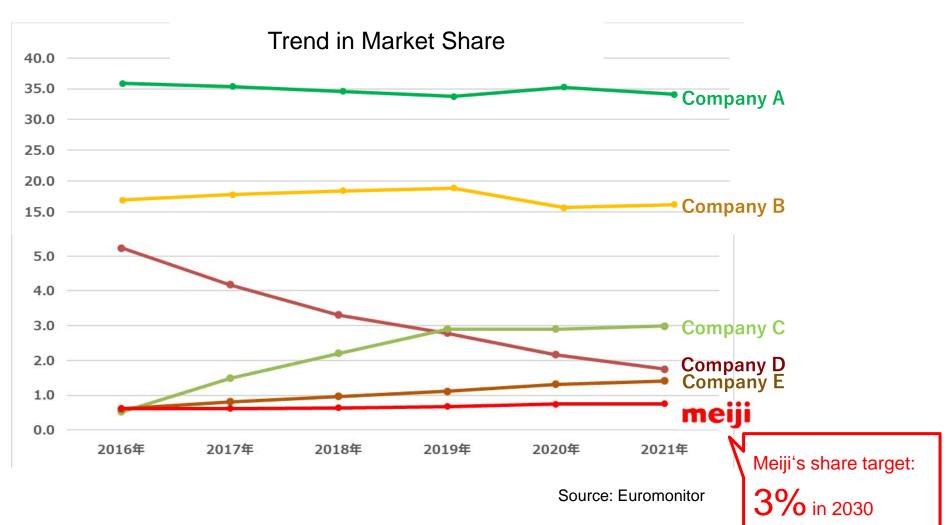


Improve product recognition through live-commerce





Competition in the chocolate market



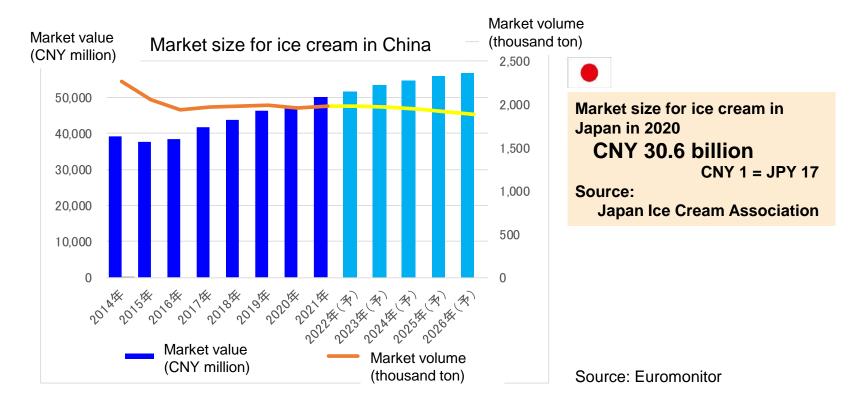


Ice Cream



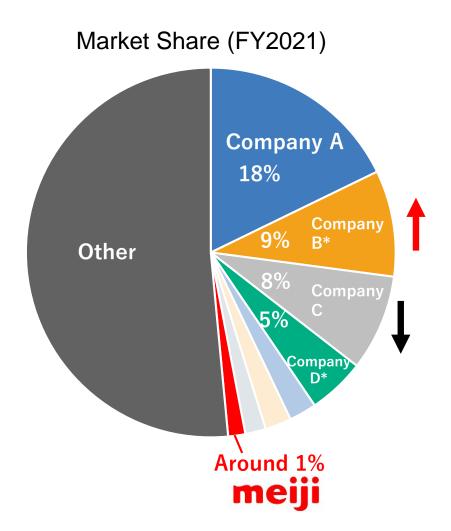
Market for ice cream

- Market size: CNY 49.9 billion in FY2021
- Market size is shrinking by volume
 Forecasting to grow by value
 Small to medium sized manufacturer becoming obsolete
 Launching high value-added products





Competition in the ice cream market



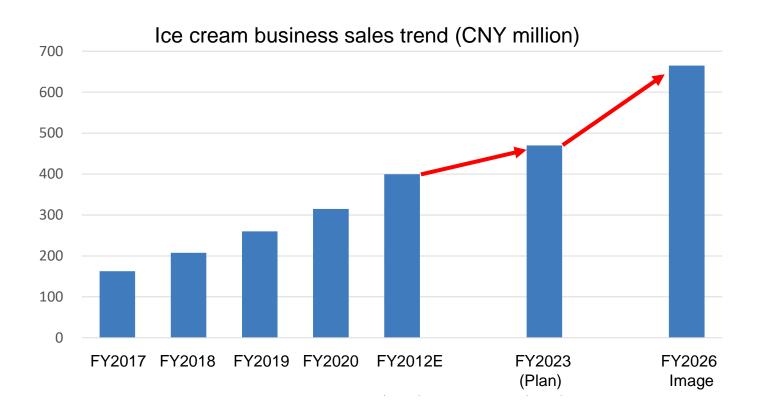
*Foreign capital companies

Source: Euromonitor



Our sales trend

- Grew more than CAGR +20% of the last 5 years
- South China: our firm business base
 Expand to Inland China, East and North China
- Grew sales toward FY2026 by increasing production capacity





Our Products







Ice cream multipacks









Strategies for ice cream

Basic Strategy

- Differentiate our products from competitors'
 Leverage our strengths in product development that take advantage of Japan's knowledge and technology
- Expand our business
 While focusing on the South China area, increase our market share in other areas

Measure

- Continue working on improving brand recognition through our SNS accounts focusing on new products.
- Increase the share of the market in the core region, metropolitan economic area, and the surrounding area Increase the number of sales representatives in the core regions properly
- 3. Achieve sustainable growth Continue to acquire new customers



Almost all of provinces in China was covered in 2021

The coverage area has been expanded year by year

Expand our business by increasing our market share in each province

FY2015

FY2021

Ice Cream
Business
Coverage by
Province
*Meiji's estimate

36%



97%

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Functional yogurt



Probiotics Market and Competitive Situation

- Probiotics market is the new category of business in Chin and is just beginning to grow, thus still small
- Chinese customers beginning to understand the importance of Lactobacillus gradually, and the probiotics market is emerging



Strategies for Functional Yogurt

Basic Strategy

Create a functional yogurt market ahead of competitors: Leverage expertise and knowledge accumulated in Japan Enjoy first-mover advantage

Customer Target

R-1 and LG21

) 'S **LG21**

Target at customers who have a high potential to convert to loyal customers

- Middle and high income consumers
- High health awareness
- Eating chilled yogurt
- Customers who post information

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* Target at family (parents and children)

R-1

Measure

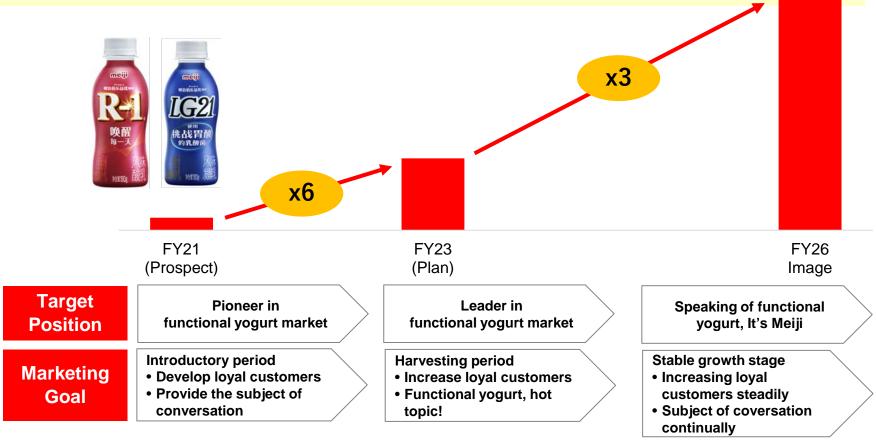
- Continue marketing focusing on market characteristics in China Effectively communicate the health value of our carefully selected Lactobacillus to Chinese customers
- 2. Increase brand awareness creating an attractive visual store display



Target for our functional yogurt

Speaking of functional yogurt, It's Meiji

Effective communication through strategic marketing focusing on market characteristics in China





Attractive floor display and advertising and promotion to increase our brand exposure using know-hows accumulated in Japan













Subway station



Banner at office elevator



TikTok Ads



Live commerce linked to live streaming platform





Disseminate information on health value of Lactobacillus

Publish papers on R-1 Lactobacillus

A study in which over 4000 elementary school students in Zhejiang Province were fed yogurt containing R-1 lactobacillus was published in Sanitation Research.

Meiji China published press releasese



Reviewed and commented by doctors

The above article was reviewed in a program by doctors. The author explained the

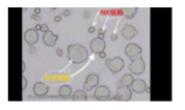
contents, and introduced importance of Lactobacillus, research results on R-1 lactobacillus in China and in Japan



Collaboration with academic societies

Presented as an innovation product in the probiotics symposium organized by China Food Science and Technology Society.



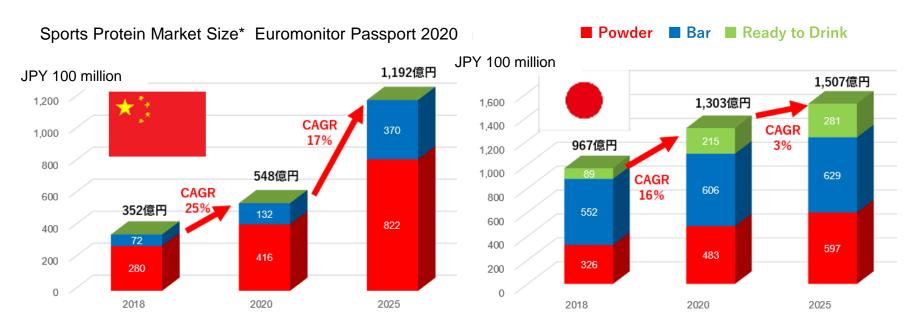




SAVAS



Sports Protein Market Size and Growth Rate Expected to grow at a high rate Estimated market size: CNY 120 billion in 2025



^{*} Note: As of 2020, the market for RTD is not yet established in China, and no future forecast has been made

Source: Euromonitor



Sports Promotion Policy by the Government

- The government has been keep continuing to promote sports.
- The government announced to increase the percentage of people who engaged in sports and exercise activities on a daily basis in the National Health and Wellness Plan (2021 - 2025) in August 21

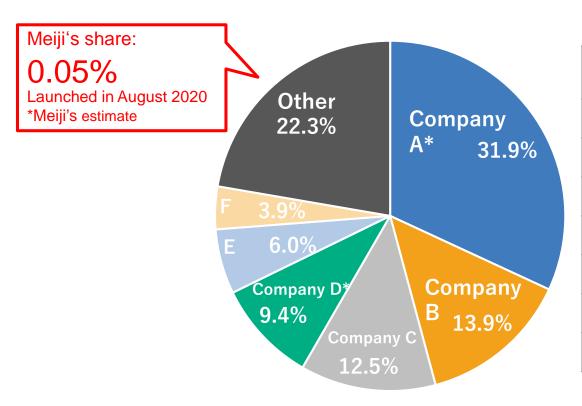
The protein market in China is expected to grow Due to:

- The government's policy to increase the number of people who engaged in sports and exercise activities
- Increasing health consciousness among people



Our competitors

Market Share in 2020



		Market Share		
		2020	2018	Change
1	Company A	31.9%	31.8%	0.1%
2	Company B	13.9%	14.7%	-0.8%
3	Company C	12.5%	14.2%	-1.7%
4	Company D	9.4%	7.1%	2.3%
5	Company E	6.0%	4.9%	1.1%
6	Company F	3.9%	5.6%	-1.6%
	Other	22.3%	21.7%	0.6%

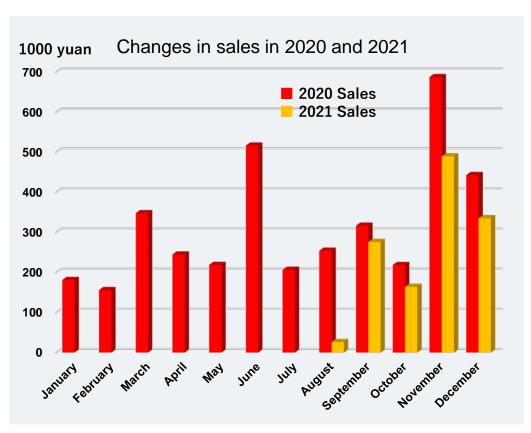
Source: Euromonitor

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Our Sales Trends

- SAVAS was launched in China in August 20
- Opened a flagship store in T-MALL and sold online Sales growing steadily



Screenshot in T-MALL





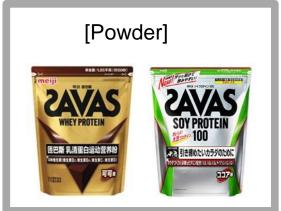


SAVAS Strategy

Grow business

Expand the product lines of powdered protein

Launch ready-to-drink (RTD) and ready-to-eat (RTE) products







Concept

- As the protein consumption in China increases, anticipating consumers in China will consume protein products in various occasion similarly in Japan
- Various product form, including powder form, RTD and RTE, will be needed to meet consumer's needs
- Build a unique brand position through high quality (tastiness, easy to solve) and various product forms

Measures

- Launch products strategically - Expand sales channels

Now ideas for wellness



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