

Calbee, Inc.

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## Announcement of Acquisition of Shares of Potato Kaitsuka Co. Ltd. (Making Them a Subsidiary)

**Tokyo, February 28, 2020** - Calbee, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "Calbee") announces today that Calbee reached a definitive agreement and entered into a stock purchase agreement with J-GIA I Limited Partnership, which founded by Japan Growth Investments Alliance, Inc. and individual shareholders of Potato Kaitsuka Co. Ltd. (hereafter referred to as "Potato Kaitsuka"). We will make the company a wholly owned subsidiary by acquiring all of the issued common stock and stock acquisition rights of Potato Kaitsuka. Details of this agreement does not fall under the standards stipulated in the disclosure obligation based on the listing regulations. Details are as follows:

## 1. Purpose of the acquisition

Under our long-term vision (Vision for 2030) announced in May 2019, we aim to establish overseas markets and new food domains as growth pillars. At the same time, we have positioned "Establish businesses in new food areas" as one of the key initiative in our medium-term business plan. The entry into the sweet potato business by making Potato Kaitsuka a subsidiary will strengthen our efforts to tackle this key initiative.

Potato Kaitsuka started operation in 1967 as a wholesale company specializing in sweet potatoes. Today, based mainly on their original brand of sweet potato, "Beni-Tenshi", they engage in the sale of raw materials for baked sweet potato to retail stores as well as the direct sales of baked sweet potato etc.

In the domestic sweet potato market, demand for the varieties of sweet potatoes with sweetness is rising as the variety improvement. In addition, demand for sweet potatoes is expanding due to the introduction and utilization of baking potato machines in retail stores. Furthermore, the amount of exports is also increasing in recent years due to increase in recognition of baked sweet potato in Greater China and South Asia. Ibaraki Prefecture, where Potato Kaitsuka is located, ranks second in terms of domestic sweet potato yields in 2018, and Potato Kaitsuka is in a position of high share of sweet potato handled.

Through the acquisition, we will strive to expand our sweet potato business by utilizing both Potato Kaitsuka's expertise and technologies for sweet potatoes and Calbee's assets for potatoes such as variety development and storage technologies.

2. Outline of subsidiary to be transferred

(1)	Company name	Potato Kaitsuka Co. Ltd.	
(2)	Location	240-18 Ogami, Kasumigaura, Ibaraki	
(3)	Representative director	President and Representative Director, Miyuki Kaitsuka	
(4)	Main Business	Processing, wholesale, and retail sale of sweet potatoes	
(5)	Capital	¥100 million (as of August 31,2019)	
(6)	Date of incorporation	February 15, 2017 (Founded 1967)	
(7)	Main shareholder and	J-GIA I Limited Partnership 70%	
	ownership ratio	and others	
(8)	Relationship with	There is no capital, personal or business relationship to be	
	Calbee	described between the company and Calbee	



(9) Results of operations and financial condition for the last three years				
Fiscal year end	August 2017	August 2018	August 2019	
Net assets	¥2,278 million	¥2,377 million	¥2,688 million	
Total assets	¥6,149 million	¥6,006 million	¥7,370 million	
Net assets per share	¥8,439.74	¥8,806.72	¥9,958.39	
Net sales	¥495 million	¥4,272 million	¥5,206 million	
Operating profit (loss)	- ¥196 million	¥321 million	¥486 million	
Ordinary profit (loss)	- ¥213 million	¥281 million	¥505 million	
Net profit(loss)	- ¥421 million	¥98 million	¥250 million	
Per share net profit (loss)	-¥1,559.95	¥366.61	¥928.01	

<sup>\*</sup>The figures of the fiscal year ended August 2017 are from substantial 2-month settlement, because new company (currently Potato Kaitsuka) was established and the group recognition implemented through merger with the new company as surviving company (an effective date of July 1, 2017).

3. Outline of the counterparty to the share acquisition

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Fund name	J-GIA I Limited Pa	artnership				
Location	5-13-1, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo					
Basis of establishment, etc.	Limited Partnership Act for Investment					
Purpose of composition	To earn profits from investing in businesses					
Date of composition	December 27, 2016					
Total amount of investment	¥17.3 billion					
Shareholder and ownership ratio, outline of shareholders	Not open to the public					
	Name	Japan Growth Investments Alliance, Inc.				
Outline of managing partner	Location	5-13-1, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo				
	Representative	Koichi Tateno, President and				
	title and name	Representative Director				
	Main business	Management of the fund's assets				
	Capital	¥15 million (as of February 28, 2020)				
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<sup>\*</sup>The names and addresses of individual shareholders other than the above will not be disclosed based on confidentiality obligations with each individual.

## 4. Number of shares to be acquired, acquisition price, and shareholdings before and after the acquisition

(1)	Shares owned prior to the transaction	0 shares (Percentage of voting rights: 0%)	
(2)	Shares acquired	Common stock: 270 thousand shares Stock acquisition rights: 120 thousand units	
(3)	Acquisition cost	Share acquisition cost: ¥13,800 million Advisory expenses (estimated): ¥181 million Total (approximate amount): ¥13,981 million	
(4)	Shares owned after the transaction	Common stock: 270 thousand shares (100.0% of voting rights) Stock acquisition rights: 120 thousand units	



5. Schedule

Date of signing contract: February 28, 2020
Date of closing of the transfer: April 1, 2020 (planned)

## 6. Impact of forecast of Calbee

The acquisition of shares has no impact on consolidated results for the year ending March 31, 2020. We believe the acquisition will contribute to improving the performance of Calbee Group over the medium- to long-term.

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