Takasagoshuzo, Inc. was founded in 1899 when the “military” city of Asahikawa was developed after the formation of the Army’s 7th Division. Consequently, various local industries, such as sake brewing, grew rapidly. Blessed with a high quality of water resources, the city of Asahikawa played a central role in brewing sake and became known as “the northern Nada brewery” (Nada is a well-known brewing area in Kobe, Japan). After its establishment, the company produced brand-name products such as Asahitakasago and Fukuizumi. Currently, the Meiji brewing company, with more than 100-years history since its formation in 1909, has maintained a magnificent reputation. In 1975, Takasagoshuzo, Inc. started the production of dry sake “Kokushimuso” (meaning “second to none”), which is named after Han Xin, an ancient Chinese military commander during the Han Dynasty according to the Chinese “Records of the Grand Historian.” We believe that our Kokushimuso is more than first-class, just like Han Xin.

In 1990, the company started the sales of “Ichiyashizuku,” daiginjo-shu brewed in the ICE DOME (like Igloo) brewing room. Kokushimuso and Ichiyashizuku have become our leading brand-name products throughout Japan. Our company aims to contribute to the local community as the only brewery that can benefit from Asahikawa’s natural surroundings. Our products are currently distributed in Hokkaido, Honshu (mainland Japan) and in other countries, such as the U.S.

**Major Product Lines**: Sake (brand names: Kokushimuso, Ichiyashizuku, Gingashizuku, Taisetsu, Secchubijin, Kaze-no-sasayaki, Horafuki, etc.), sake buns, ice cream from daiginjo-shu, Ginjo Amazake

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