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**Matsuya Flour Mills Completes Construction of  
New Buckwheat Production Line at its Kaminokawa Plant**

Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd. (President: Wataru Aosaki) is pleased to announce that its subsidiary Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd. (President: Kazuo Uemura), a leading manufacturer of buckwheat flour and buckwheat mixes, has completed the construction of a new buckwheat production line at its Kaminokawa Plant. Matsuya Flour Mills held a completion ceremony at the end of November and the new line went smoothly into full-scale operation in December.

The new production line was built because, in face of the growth in demand for buckwheat flour and buckwheat mixes driven by the heightened health awareness of recent years, the production capacity of Matsuya Flour Mills' flagship plant had almost reached its limit. The new line is adjacent to the state-of-the-art buckwheat mix production line built three years ago, within Techno Park Kaminokawa industrial park in Kaminokawa, Tochigi Prefecture, and it is designed to enable further expansion of capacity in the future. As a result, an integrated manufacturing system covering the entire production process from buckwheat flour to buckwheat mixes is now complete, enabling the production of high quality buckwheat flour and buckwheat mixes that will earn even greater levels of customer satisfaction and trust.

Details



### ■ Concepts of buckwheat flour production line

- Production of better tasting, high quality buckwheat flour
- Production of buckwheat flour that satisfies the high safety standards required by customers, using hygienic equipment designed with cleaning and maintenance in mind
- Production of a wide variety of buckwheat flour to meet customer needs
- Enhancement of productivity through state-of-the art equipment and the promotion of automation and labor-saving technology

### ■ Outline of Kaminokawa Plant

Name: Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd. Kaminokawa Plant  
Address: 2568-5 Takominamihara, Kaminokawa, Kawachi-gun, Tochigi Prefecture  
Site Area: Around 19,000 m<sup>2</sup>

### ■ Outline of buckwheat production equipment

Mill: 5-story steel frame, Total floor area 3,044 m<sup>2</sup>, hourly production capacity 2.5 tons  
Chilled roll-type flour mill, state-of-the-art raw material disinfector, dehuller, etc.

Other: Raw material receiving facility Total floor area: 628 m<sup>2</sup>  
Raw material silos 30 tons x 10

Designed and constructed by: Nippun Engineering Co., Ltd.

Investment: Around 1.1 billion yen

### ■ Reference

(Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd.)

Address: 3-2-7 Odoori, Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefecture  
Stated Capital: 240 million yen  
Business: Production and sale of buckwheat and buckwheat mixes, and sale of wheat flour, etc.