

**TORIZEN and Suzuki Start Collaboration to
Improve Food Environment for Foreign Employees**
- Serving authentic Indian vegetarian food to the Suzuki employee cafeteria -



Tasting event

President Suzuki (Left), Mayor Nakano (Center), President Date (Right)

TORIZEN Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture; Representative Director: Yoshitaka Date; hereinafter referred to as “TORIZEN”), a company engaged in the bridal and restaurant businesses, and Suzuki Motor Corporation (Head Office: Hamamatsu City, Shizuoka Prefecture; President: Toshihiro Suzuki; hereinafter referred to as “Suzuki”), have developed food kits for food service providers that enable them to serve authentic Indian vegetarian dishes with simple cooking, and have started serving them in Suzuki's employee cafeteria.

At Suzuki, foreign employees from India and other countries are active mainly in the engineering departments in Japan, and the company plans to increase the number of foreign employees, including highly skilled workers. Suzuki has served Indian vegetarian food in the cafeteria, and with this introduction, the company will enhance the food environment in order to create an environment in which foreign employees can exercise their motivation and ability in a fulfilling state of mind and body to work actively.

Starting with the introduction of Indian vegetarian dishes, the company will enhance menus for foreigners and create a comfortable working environment.

In addition, in the future, the two companies will consider offering a service to serve foreign dishes to companies nationwide that have issues with the food environment of foreign workers.

To celebrate the launch, a tasting event of Indian vegetarian dishes was held at Suzuki's head office today, attended by Hamamatsu Mayor Yusuke Nakano, TORIZEN 's President Yoshitaka Date, and Suzuki's President Toshihiro Suzuki.

■ Comments from Hamamatsu Mayor Yusuke Nakano

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for such initiative to enhance the livelihood of foreign citizens through inter-company cooperation, which will further promote the active participation of foreigners in Hamamatsu City, which aims to become a multicultural society, and lead to the development of the city. We will continue to strive to create an environment conducive to working for foreign citizens.

■ Comments from Yoshitaka Date, Representative Director, TORIZEN

Expectations for foreign workers, including highly skilled workers, are rising in Japan, and the number of overseas workers is expected to increase rapidly in the future. Through this initiative with Suzuki, we will contribute to the recruitment and retention of foreign workers at companies, while working to transform the food and beverage industry, which faces productivity challenges.

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■ Comments from Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director and President, Suzuki

By improving the food environment for diverse human resources including India, this collaboration with TORIZEN will create a foundation for employees to further flourish and contribute to the revitalization of local communities. Suzuki will continue to promote initiatives for co-creation with local communities for its employees.

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