



Ajinomoto Co., Inc. to Build a New Factory at Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation

Start of Operation April 2028, Total Capital Investment of Approximately JPY 23.8 Billion

TOKYO, August 28, 2025 - Ajinomoto Co., Inc., through its consolidated subsidiary Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation ("APC"), will construct a new factory in TARI Estate, a development under Aboitiz InfraCapital Economic Estates located in Central Luzon, Philippines. The total capital investment for the project is approximately PHP 9.1 billion (approximately JPY 23.8 billion). Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2026, with operations expected to commence by April 2028. The new factory will produce Flavored Seasoning and Breading mixes such as AJI-GINISA® and Crispy Fry®, etc.

APC has supported the Philippine food culture for over 60 years, during which time it has taken root as a part of this culture through its contribution to the country's food industry. The decision to build a new factory aims to ensure stable production in anticipation of continued robust growth in the Philippine economy. This growth is expected to be driven by population increases, strong infrastructure investments, and steady domestic demand, with these positive economic trends likely to continue in the coming years. The new factory is also set to create numerous job opportunities for Filipinos,





AJI GINISA®

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reinforcing Ajinomoto Co. and APC's commitment to supporting local communities and driving innovation in the Philippine food industry.

The features of the new factory is as follows.

- 1. A factory designed to support business growth and adapt to new business ventures.
- 2. Highly efficient processes through automation and digital transformation (DX) aimed at improving labor productivity and logistics efficiency:
 - 1) Enhancing labor productivity and flexibility through the promotion of automation and DX.
 - 2) Strengthening SCM (Supply Chain Management) through proper inventory management.
- 3. A factory that continuously contributes to the well-being of employees, local communities, and the planet.
 - 1) Providing an environment where employees can work proudly and safely, and comfortably.
 - 2) Promoting understanding of Ajinomoto Group Creating Shared Value (ASV) activities and expanding its fan base through factory tours.
 - 3) Establishing a factory with less environmental impact and realizing sustainable food production by achieving net-zero GHG emissions.

Ajinomoto Co. aims to ensure the growth of its food products business with a stronger regional portfolio as part of its 2030 Roadmap. This project embodies the Ajinomoto Group's commitment to its founding purpose to "Eat Well, Live Well," by strengthening its value chain to deliver safe, high-quality, and reliable products to Filipino consumers in a sustainable way.

Overview of New Factory

(1) Location: Tarlac, Central Luzon Philippines

(2) Capital Investment: Approximately 9.1 billion pesos (approx. JPY 23.8 billion)
(3) Schedule: Start of Construction: May 2026 Completion: April 2028

Note: PHP 1 = JPY 2.62 (exchange rate as of July 31, 2025)

Reference

Overview of Ajinomoto Philippines Corporation

(1) Location: Makati, Philippines

(2) Establishment: 1958

(3) Representative: Koichi Ozaki, President(4) Number of employees: 922 (as of June 2025)

(5) Business Description: Manufacture and sale of seasonings (AJI-NO-MOTO®, AJI-GINISA®,

Crispy Fry®) and other products

For details on Ajinomoto Co. and the Ajinomoto Group, visit <u>www.ajinomoto.com</u>

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