

# Hot Drinks in Japan

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#### WHAT'S NEXT?

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Kataoka Bussan Co sees success with gut health product promoting year-round consumption Morinaga & Co appeals to adults with the launch of a less sweet variant Milo increases the iron content in its Milo for Adults to attract adults, especially women

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