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KANEKA CORPORATION

Belgian Chocolate Brand “BENOIT NIHANT” opens its Flagship Store on September 16

- Also functioning as Kaneka Brand Base -

Kaneka Foods Corporation (Headquarters: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; President: Futoshi Fukuzaki), a group company of Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Minoru Tanaka), will open the Belgian chocolate brand BENOIT NIHANT’s*1 first store, BENOIT NIHANT GINZA, in Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo on September 16.

Benoit Nihant is a chocolate brand launched in 2005 by Benoit Nihant*2, a Belgian cocoa artisan with a background as an engineer. The brand features single-origin cacao from a single farm and a single variety, and it completes all processes from roasting to finished products in its own workshop. The brand is also engaged in environmentally friendly farming and fair trade with cacao growers at its cacao farm in Peru.

Kaneka began importing and selling BENOIT NIHANT chocolates in 2019 and has been selling them at special venues nationwide, including on Valentine's Day, as well as through its official online store (<https://benoitnihant.jp>).

The grand opening of "BENOIT NIHANT GINZA" is the first flagship store in Japan and the store will sell chocolate bars and bonbons, as well as Japan-exclusive baked sweets, chocolate sweets, and confectionery. It also has a café, which is open by reservation only, and offers "Japan-exclusive parfaits" that can only be enjoyed at the flagship store. Various chocolate products and baked sweets will also be available for purchase through the official online store. The store will also serve as a base for the Kaneka brand, with Kaneka OLED lighting used for in-store lighting and Kaneka Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ used for shopping bags and so on.

We will continue to offer a broad range of solutions that help diversify and enrich people’s diets. And through expanding sales of products created by Benoit Nihant, who works on improving the natural and labor environments, we will contribute to solving global environmental issues by realizing our mission, "KANEKA thinks 'Wellness First'."

*1. C.C.C. Silver Award in 2016, 2017

The Academy of Chocolate Gold, Silver and Bronze Award in 2021

*2. Selected the only "Chocolatier of the Year" in the Walloon region in the Belgian-Luxembourg

edition of "Guide Chocolatiers 2021" published by Gault & Millau, a restaurant guide created in France in 2020.



BENOIT NIHANT GINZA store

<Store Information>

- Store Name : BENOIT NIHANT GINZA
- Address : Ginza Act Bldg., 4-6-18 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0061
- Access : About 1 minute walk from Ginza Station
(Tokyo Metro Ginza/ Hibiya/ Marunouchi Line)
- Opening Hours : 11:00~21:00
- Holidays : None (Except for the year-end/New Year holiday)
※Please note that holidays and opening hours may change.
- Official Online Store : <https://benoitnihant.jp/>