

Brenntag expands Life Sciences innovation capabilities with Innovation & Application Centre in Shanghai

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Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, announced the opening of its new Life Sciences Innovation & Application Centre in Shanghai, strengthening its commitment to supporting customers and suppliers in China and Hong Kong with advanced technical capabilities and closer access to application expertise.

Liu Hua, President of Brenntag Specialities China and Hong Kong, said, “The new centre in Shanghai allows us to work even more closely with partners across China and Hong Kong. As a collaborative innovation platform, it enables formulation development, application testing, and concept creation across Brenntag’s Life Sciences portfolio, helping us translate ingredient expertise into practical solutions for the market.”

The centre supports the development of Beauty & Care formulations for a wide range of personal care and home care products. Equipped with formulation and testing capabilities, the facility enables activities such as emulsion structure analysis, surfactant foam performance evaluation, hair combing force testing, skin analysis, and laundry performance testing, while a laboratory-scale mixing system supports small-batch production trials and process validation for formulation optimisation.

Francois Bleger, Global President Beauty & Care, and President Brenntag Specialities APAC, said, “Through our new Life Sciences Innovation & Application Centre in Shanghai, we are strengthening our ability to develop Beauty & Care formulations tailored to the rapidly evolving needs. By working closely with partners across the value chain, we can accelerate innovation and deliver solutions that respond to emerging consumer trends.”

The centre also focuses on Food & Nutrition application development, supporting key categories including ready-to-drink beverages, dairy, bakery, confectionery, and savoury products. Through formulation development and tasting evaluations, Brenntag helps customers develop innovative product concepts that respond to changing consumer preferences and emerging health and wellness trends.

Kenneth Keh, Regional President Nutrition APAC, Brenntag Specialities, said, “With our new Life Sciences Innovation and Application Centre in Shanghai, we are strengthening our ability to support innovation in food and nutrition applications. The facility enables us to develop new concepts in areas such as sports nutrition, children’s health, and healthy ageing, helping translate ingredient expertise into market-ready solutions.”