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New Product Launch: Toretate No. 15 Flash Frozen Mushrooms Freshly picked flavor! Grown in Japan for peace of mind! Ready to use whenever you need!

HOKUTO Corporation (Head Office: Nagano City, Nagano Prefecture; President: Masayoshi Mizuno; hereinafter, "Hokuto") announces the launch of our new product Toretate No. 13 Flash Frozen Mushrooms, featuring cut bunashimeji from Toyama Prefecture and cut eryngii from Nagano Prefecture.





♦ Key Features

(1) Freshly picked mushrooms quickly flash frozen

 By flash freezing shortly after harvest, we preserve the delicious flavor, aroma, and texture of justpicked fresh mushrooms.

(2) Pre-cut mushrooms frozen for convenience

- · Ready to cook straight out of the bag, with no further preparation needed.
- Keep a bag ready in the freezer and use just the amount you need.

(3) Pesticide-free mushrooms grown in Japan

· Uses safe and reliable Hokuto mushrooms.

♦ Product Line Up

· Cut bunashimeji grown in Toyama Prefecture

Freezing the bunashimeji enhances their umami flavor. Try these mushrooms for their savory richness in *takikomi gohan* (Japanese mixed rice) or miso soup.

· Cut eryngii grown in Nagano Prefecture

Crunchy texture! The aroma and flavor of eryngii is enhanced by freezing. Their crunchy texture makes them perfect for use in stir-fries or pasta dishes.

Product webpage (in Japanese only): https://www.hokto-kinoko.co.jp/frozen-mushrooms/

♦ Package Design

The package design was decided after conducting questionnaire-based research with 500 respondents.

Q1. Choose the package design that stands out the most (select one of the seven design proposals).



Other six design proposals

\rightarrow 46.8% of respondents thought this package design would stand out in the frozen vegetable aisle

- Q2. Please provide any further comments on your impressions of the product features or design.
 - → 275 of 500 respondents (55%) commented that "the design is charming"

We are launching the new product in a charming package design that will appeal to the target audience and stand out in the frozen vegetable aisle.