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Bank of Korea prepares for live CBDC transactions with 9 banks in September

South Korea's central bank will launch the second phase of its CBDC pilot in September, expanding real-transaction testing across nine major banks including KB Kookmin, Shinhan, Hana, and Woori. The goal is an environment where the won "can be traded freely regardless of time or place."

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HACKING & PHYSICAL RISKS

Cross-chain protocol Allbridge halts after $1.65 million flash loan exploit

Allbridge suspended operations after an attacker used a $1.12M flash loan from Kamino to manipulate pool ratios and withdraw assets at favourable rates before bridging the funds out. The latest in a string of cross-chain bridge exploits.

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Amazon Japan supplier AZ-Com Maruwa to adopt yen stablecoin JPYC for payments

The Japanese logistics firm plans to pay 2,300 partners including truck drivers using JPYC, marking Japan's first large-scale corporate stablecoin rollout. A real-world signal that stablecoin adoption is moving from finance into mainstream supply chains.

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Augustus raises $180 million to build a clearing bank for the AI and stablecoin era

5e firm, freshly valued at $1 billion, aims to replace legacy correspondent banking with always-on infrastructure connecting traditional payment systems and stablecoins. A bet that the next generation of financial infrastructure needs to be rebuilt from scratch.

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INSURANCE SPOTLIGHT

Allianz strikes US$2.1bn deal for HSBC Life Singapore

Allianz Group has agreed to acquire HSBC Life Singapore and enter into a 15-year exclusive distribution partnership with HSBC Singapore, subject to regulatory approval. One of the largest insurance M&A transactions in Southeast Asia in recent years.

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