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Japan Drops an Exchange, Hackers Go AI-Powered, and Japan's Stablecoin Gets a Major Backer: This Week in Asia Risk

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REGULATORY

Bitget Exits Japan, Closing All Positions by Year-End

Global crypto exchange Bitget stopped accepting new Japan registrations and will close all remaining positions by December 31, citing regulatory compliance. It's the latest exchange to exit Japan's demanding licensing regime under the FSA.

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HACKING & PHYSICAL RISKS

Bitcoin Developers Disclose 85 Critical Bugs in "Extremely Bad" Situation

Bitcoin core developers flagged 85 critical vulnerabilities, describing the situation as extremely serious. The disclosure affects older node versions and raises questions about how long known flaws go unpatched across the network.

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HACKING & PHYSICAL RISKS

Boltz Pauses After Wave of AI-Assisted Hacking Attempts

Non-custodial Bitcoin swap service Boltz suspended operations after detecting a coordinated wave of AI-assisted attacks targeting its infrastructure. The incident signals a new threat level: attackers using AI to probe and exploit vulnerabilities faster than human defenders can respond.

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Japan Yen Stablecoin JPYC Raises $38M Series B, Led by Logistics Giant AZ-COM Maruwa

JPYC closed a $38M round with AZ-COM Maruwa as lead investor — the same logistics firm that announced plans to pay 2,300 partners in JPYC last week. The back-to-back moves signal Japan's yen stablecoin ecosystem is moving fast from concept to corporate infrastructure.

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Asia's AI Chip Factory Boom Creates New Nat Cat Exposure for Reinsurers

With semiconductor fabs concentrating in earthquake- and typhoon-exposed zones across Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, reinsurers face growing accumulation risk in a single asset class driving global AI infrastructure.

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INSURANCE SPOTLIGHT

Axa XL Acquires Cyber Security Firm S-RM, with Asia Pacific HQ in Hong Kong

Axa XL agreed to fully acquire S-RM, a cyber security and incident response firm operating in 140 countries, with its Asia Pacific division headquartered in Hong Kong. The move deepens the insurer's in-house cyber capabilities across the region.

INDUSTRY & MARKETS

Origin Energy Data Breach Payout Could Top $100M, Signals Tightening Australian Cyber Market

Australia's Origin Energy confirmed it holds an extensive cyber insurance programme following a major data breach. Industry sources say the payout could exceed $100M, marking a potential turning point for cyber pricing in the Pacific market.

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