

MONEX GROUP

About recent Monex Group media coverage

TOKYO, April 3, 2018 - Today, there was a Nikkei website news report mentioning "the entry into cryptocurrency business" by our group, which was not based on our announcement.

The company name "MONEX" symbolizes our business principles – always a step ahead of the "Y" in "MONEY" to design and provide approaches to money in a new era. And in last October, we announced the "MONEX's new beginning" and has been embarking on it since then.

Under the new beginning, we put the most importance on creation of new finance-related businesses and infrastructures for people's living by utilizing blockchain technologies. We have been studying and experimenting on blockchain technology and cryptocurrency (crypto-assets) as its applied technology. As part of our efforts, we set up the Monex Cryptocurrency Lab in January this year, and have also been considering the secure and socially responsible cryptocurrency (crypto-assets) business. It is true that we have been considering the acquisition of the cryptocurrency firm mentioned in the report today but have not made any decision yet.

Moving forward, should there be facts determined by Monex Group, Inc. that need to be disclosed, we will do so in a timely and appropriate manner.

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