



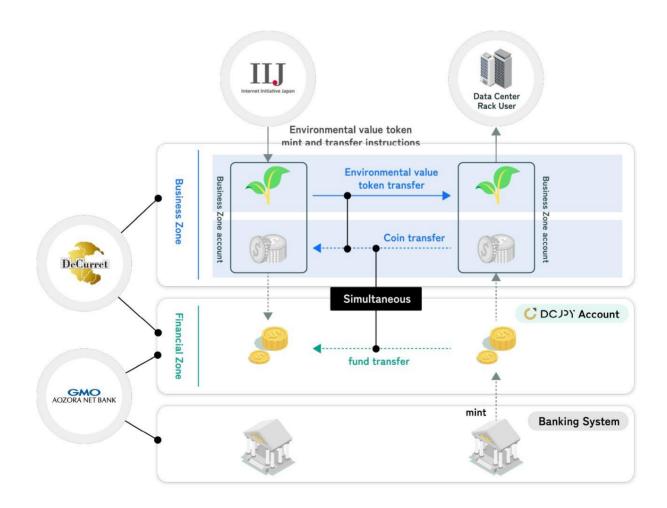


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PRESS RELEASE

Digital Assetization of Environmental Value and Launch of Digital Currency DCJPY Settlement Transactions

DeCurret DCP Inc. (Representative Director: Satoshi Murabayashi, hereinafter "DeCurret DCP"), GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd. (Chairman and Representative Director: Takehito Kaneko / President and Representative Director: Takeshi Yamane; hereinafter "GMO Aozora Net Bank"), and Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (President and Co-CEO&COO: Eijiro Katsu; hereinafter "IIJ") announced that IIJ has started digital assetization of environmental values^(*1) and settlement transactions in the digital currency DCJPY ^(*2) minted by GMO Aozora Net Bank in the DCJPY Network, a system released by DeCurret DCP for production verification this July.



Digital currencies have the potential to improve the convenience of cashless settlement, to achieve transparency and immediacy of transactions, to reduce operating cost, and to facilitate the creation of new financial services. GMO Aozora Net Bank is taking on the challenge of creating new forms of deposit accounts and currencies in anticipation of further digital transformation (DX) of society, as one of the new initiatives in its BaaS^(*3) business. The Bank is taking on the role of a minting bank for the digital currency DCJPY.

IIJ, which has been providing a non-fossil certificate proxy procurement service for customers using the Shiroi Data Center Campus since October 2023, will now convert environmental values into digital assets on the blockchain and start settlement transactions through DCJPY. In addition to the existing use at the data center, IIJ will consider the possibility of secondary distribution of the digitalized environmental value, aiming to provide a new service that responds to the growing interest in carbon neutrality.

In addition to this environmental value, DeCurret DCP is also working to create a new economic sphere through publicly offered self-subscribed digital securities and DAO Fun Token services, etc. Through the provision of the DCJPY Network, DeCurret DCP will continue to contribute to a variety of business DX in the future.

(Reference) Announced on October 12, 2023: Jointly Promoting the Digital Assets of Environmental Value and Digital Currency Settlement, with the Aim of Launching Service in July 2024 <u>https://www.decurret-dcp.com/en/pressrelease/pr-20231012.html</u>

(*1) Digital Assetization: Digitization, storage and distribution of assets such as non-fossil certificates on the DCJPY Network's Business Zone.

(*2) DCJPY: A digital currency in which bank deposits are tokenized on the blockchain. Also called tokenized deposits, they can be minted, transferred, and burned on the DCJPY Network. (*3) BaaS: Banking as a Service

Company Overview

Name: DeCurret DCP Inc. Head Office: 2-10-2 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ward, Tokyo Business: Digital currency business Electronic Payment Service provider: Kanto Local Finance Bureau License No. 92 Representative: Satoshi Murabayashi, Representative Director Capital: 10 million yen (including capital reserve) Date of establishment: February 2020 URL: https://www.decurret-dcp.com

Name: GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd.
Head Office: Shibuya Fuclas, 1-2-3 Dogenzaka, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Representative: Takehito Kaneko, Chairman and Representative Director; Takeshi Yamane, President and Representative Director
Capital: 24,129.96 million yen
Date of establishment: February 28, 1994
URL: https://gmo-aozora.com/

Name: Internet Initiative Japan Inc. Head Office: Iidabashi Grand Bloom 2-10-2 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Representative: Eijiro Katsu, President and Co-CEO & COO Capital: 25,562 million yen Date of establishment: December 3, 1992 URL: <u>https://www.iij.ad.jp/en/</u> *The names of companies, products, etc. in this press release are trademarks or registered trademarks

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