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bitFlyer, Inc.

Planned Bitcoin (BTC) Hard Fork and Other Updates (Third Notice)

bitFlyer, Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yuzo Kano; hereinafter "bitFlyer") announces the latest status of the planned split-off of a new crypto asset, "eCash (ECX)," from the Bitcoin (BTC) blockchain, as previously announced on August 21, 2026.

Update on the eCash (ECX) Hard Fork

According to the schedule published by the ECX development project, the Alpha and Beta forks have already taken place, and the Full Permanent Release ("Full Release") hard fork is scheduled to occur at block height 973,728, around October 30, 2026 (JST).

Please note that the eCash (ECX) referred to here is different from the existing crypto asset eCash (XEC).

Impact on bitFlyer Services

bitFlyer does not currently plan to suspend any of its services in connection with the Full Release hard fork.

- Buying and selling BTC: Available as usual
- Receiving and sending BTC: Available as usual

However, depending on network conditions and other factors, and in order to protect customer assets, receiving and sending of BTC may be temporarily suspended, or may take

longer than usual to be reflected in customer accounts. Should a suspension become necessary, a separate announcement will be made.

Handling of eCash (ECX)

With respect to the eCash (ECX) crypto asset arising from this event, bitFlyer does not plan to list it, to credit it to customers, or to provide a cash payment equivalent to its value. If this changes going forward, a separate announcement will be made.

Important Notes

Sending eCash (ECX) to a bitFlyer BTC receiving address may result in the loss of assets. Please do not send ECX to such addresses.

Please be alert to fraud and phishing that seek to exploit this event. bitFlyer will never ask customers to provide their private key or recovery phrase.

Further Updates

If there are any changes to the status of the Bitcoin (BTC) network or bitFlyer's response, or if additional information is confirmed, an announcement will be made via the bitFlyer website and other channels.

About the bitFlyer Group

The bitFlyer Group began operations in Japan in 2014 with the mission to "Simplify the World with Blockchain." Having ranked No.1* in Bitcoin trading volume in Japan for ten consecutive years, the Group is one of Japan's leading exchanges by crypto asset trading volume, and today operates on a global scale, with hubs in Japan, the United States, and Europe.

bitFlyer Holdings, Inc. oversees the Group's overall management strategy and governance. With safety and reliability as its top priorities, it works to advance the sound development of the market and create new financial infrastructure.

In its core crypto asset exchange business, the Group provides bitFlyer, an exchange that makes buying and selling crypto assets simple for everyone. Alongside beginner-friendly services, it also offers advanced trading tools for professional traders, meeting a wide range of needs.

At bitFlyer Blockchain, Inc., new technologies are built on Miyabi, its proprietary high-performance blockchain, to support diverse use cases across the financial and industrial sectors. Custodiem, Inc. is working toward launching a crypto custody business for institutional investors and businesses, drawing on the operational expertise and advanced security technology built up over years in the crypto asset exchange business.

The bitFlyer Group will continue to leverage the strengths of its Group companies to build a sound market grounded in safety and reliability and to establish new financial infrastructure.

Official website: https://bitflyer.com

* Based on data published by the JVCEA and other companies, compiled by bitFlyer (annual trading volume, including contract for difference (CFD) and futures trading, from 2016 to 2025).

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- Crypto assets are not legal tender and may be used to settle a payment only if the person receiving the payment agrees.
- The price of crypto assets may fluctuate due to changes in the balance of supply and demand and other factors, which may result in losses.
- Fees and other charges may apply to crypto asset and related transactions. For details on fees and other charges, see this page.
- To engage in over-the-counter crypto asset derivative transactions, you must provide a margin deposit. For details on the required margin deposit, its calculation method, the applicable margin rate, and other margin-related information, see this page.
- Over-the-counter crypto asset derivative transactions let you trade amounts exceeding your margin deposit with a small amount of funds. However, rapid price fluctuations of crypto assets and other factors may cause losses exceeding your margin deposit within a short period.
- In over-the-counter crypto asset derivative transactions, factors such as sudden price movements or the execution of a loss-cut may result in a trade being executed at a price or under conditions different from those you anticipated at the time of your order, or may result in a trade not being executed at all.
- Before trading, be sure to thoroughly review our pre-contract disclosure documents and related materials.

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