# Why are we engaging with startups? - A central bank's perspective

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# Roles of the Bank of Japan

### **Objectives of the Bank of Japan**

- Price stability
  - Indispensable foundation for the economy in achieving stable and sustainable growth
- Financial stability
  - Smooth and stable operation of **payment and settlement systems**
  - Appropriate exercise of the lender of last resort function

#### Roles of the Bank of Japan in Payment and Settlement Systems

- Operator
  - Banknotes, BOJ-NET (Fund Transfer System, BOJ-NET JGB Services)
- Overseer
- Catalyst

## FinTech Center

#### Why was it established?

- To support development of FinTech so that it will contribute to enhancing financial services and achieving sustainable growth of Japan's economy
  - Maintaining financial stability and people's confidence in financial services
  - Ensuring that new information technologies contribute to enhancing the welfare of financial service users and the efficiency of such services

#### What do we do?

- Accurately grasping changes in financial services and financial structure amid ongoing technological innovation
- **Conducting research on new technologies** from the standpoint of the provider of the basic infrastructures of the economy
- Functioning as a catalyst to stimulate positive changes in the economy by actively participating in discussions in Japan and abroad

### Engagement: capacity as an operator

- In a pilot program for CBDC, the CBDC Forum was established with a view to utilizing the skills and insights of private businesses.
- Members consist of 60 enterprises from a range of industries including startups.



#### **CBDC Forum**

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