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1. A settlement system comprising a server and a merchant device, wherein the server comprises:

5 a rate notification unit configured to report, at a predetermined occasion, an exchange rate applicable for a predetermined period of time to the merchant device; and

 a payment controller configured to perform control to determine an amount of payment to be made to the merchant device, based on sales information reported by the merchant device and an exchange rate at a time of purchase, and pay the determined amount to the merchant device in a currency of a second country, the currency of the second country being a home currency for the merchant device,

15 the merchant device comprises:

 a display controller configured to, if a request from a terminal of a user is received, perform control, based on a fixed exchange rate reported by the server, to display on the terminal of the user an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user;

 a sales notification unit configured to, if the user purchases the article, notify the server of the sales information in the currency of the first country, the sales information being calculated by the display controller based on the exchange rate reported by the server,

 wherein the display controller performs control to identify, based on an image received from the terminal, a price of the article that the user wishes to purchase, calculate the amount of payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the first country based on the price of the article and the exchange rate, and display the calculated amount of payment on the image.

2. A settlement method implemented by a settlement system comprising a server and a merchant device, the method comprising:

5 reporting, by the server, an exchange rate to the merchant device at a predetermined occasion;

 controlling, by the merchant device, if a request from a terminal of a user is received, to display on the terminal of the user an amount of payment for purchase of
10 an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, based on a fixed exchange rate reported by the server;

 notifying, by the merchant device, if the user purchases the article, the server of sales information in a
15 currency of a first country, the sales information being calculated based on the exchange rate reported by the server; and

 controlling, by the server, to determine an amount of payment to the merchant device based on the sales
20 information reported by the merchant device and the exchange rate at a time of purchase, and to pay the determined amount to the merchant device in a currency of a second country, the currency of the second country being a home currency for the merchant device,

25 wherein the controlling by the merchant device includes identifying, based on an image received from the terminal, a price of the article that the user wishes to purchase, calculating the amount of payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the first country based on
30 the price of the article and the exchange rate, and displaying the calculated amount of payment on the image.