CLAIMS

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

the server comprises:

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,

the merchant device comprises:

a display controller configured to perform control, based on the exchange rate reported by the server, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase; and

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, upon receipt of an image that contains an article that the user wishes to purchase from the terminal, a price of the article contained in the image, 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 system comprising a server and a merchant device, wherein

the server comprises:

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,

the merchant device comprises:

a display controller configured to perform control, based on the exchange rate reported by the server, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase; and

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 rate notification unit reports to the merchant device an exchange rate applicable to a specific user for a predetermined period of time.

3. A settlement system comprising a server and a merchant device, wherein

the server comprises:

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,

the merchant device comprises:

a display controller configured to perform control, based on the exchange rate reported by the server, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase; and

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 further performs control to acquire positional information from the terminal, identify a merchant at which the terminal is located based on the positional information, calculate the amount of payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the first country from a price of the article and fees corresponding to the identified merchant, and display the calculated amount of payment.

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

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

controlling, by the merchant device, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase, based on the exchange rate reported by the server;

notifying, by the merchant device, if the user purchases the article, the server of sales information in a 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 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,

wherein the controlling by the merchant device includes identifying, upon receipt of an image that contains an article that the user wishes to purchase from the terminal, a price of the article contained in the image, calculating 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 displaying the calculated amount of payment on the image.

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

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

controlling, by the merchant device, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase, based on the exchange rate reported by the server;

notifying, by the merchant device, if the user purchases the article, the server of sales information in a 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 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,

wherein the reporting includes reporting an exchange rate applicable to a specific user for a predetermined period of time to the merchant device.

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

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

controlling, by the merchant device, to display on a terminal of a user an image and an amount of payment for purchase of an article in a currency of a first country designated by the user, the image containing the article that the user wishes to purchase, based on the exchange rate reported by the server;

notifying, by the merchant device, if the user purchases the article, the server of sales information in a 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 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,

wherein the controlling by the merchant device further includes performing control to acquire positional information from the terminal, identify a merchant at which the terminal is located based on the positional information, calculate the amount of payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the first country from a price of the article and fees corresponding to the identified merchant, and display the calculated amount of payment.