

TITLE OF THE INVENTION: ARTICLE TRANSPORT FACILITY

ABSTRACT

5 An article transport facility is provided which can allow transport
carriages to travel with sufficient stability while avoiding damages to any
transport carriage when the connection to another adjacent transport carriage
is disengaged. Each of a plurality of transport carriages, which forms a
10 carriage sequence, includes a carriage main body (6), a wheel (8) which rolls
on a travel surface (26a) formed along the travel path, a first connecting
portion (10) provided to a forward end portion of the carriage main body (6),
and a second connecting portion (11) provided to a back end portion of the
carriage main body (6). And the first connecting portion (10) is connected to
15 the second connecting portion (11) of another transport carriage that is
immediately in front so as to be pivotable about a carriage pivot axis (P1)
extending along a vertical direction. The wheel (8) is provided in the forward
end portion of the carriage main body (6). And the wheel (8) and the carriage
pivot axis (P1) of the first connecting portion (10) overlap with each other as
seen along a carriage lateral direction.

20 [Figure 4]