

Abstract

In this transportation equipment branch convergence device, a curving transportation device 8 that tangentially connects to a straight track is anchored at a fixed height so as to transport an object for transport along the entirety of a curving track at the same level as the straight track. The straight track comprises a straight track section 7 of a fixed length encompassing an entire area of overlap with the curving transportation device 8. A straight transportation device 9 constituting this straight track section 7 of fixed length comprises vertical transportation means 17, 19, 20 that slope in the vertical direction with pivot points at both ends of the straight track section 7 of fixed length. When the vertical transportation means 17, 19, 20 are in a downward sloping state, the straight transportation device 9 is retracted beneath the transported object for transport. When the vertical transportation means 17, 19, 20 are in an upward sloping state, the transported object for transport passes over the curving transportation device 8.