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[Claim 1]

A transaction system in which a user apparatus and a transaction support apparatus are connected via a network, wherein

the user apparatus has:

means for, upon receiving a request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, transferring the received request for transmission to the transaction support apparatus; and

means for, upon receiving electronic money from the transaction support apparatus, transferring the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus, and

the transaction support apparatus has:

means for storing electronic money; and

means for, when the request for transmission of electronic money is transferred from the user apparatus to the transaction support apparatus, transmitting the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission.

[Claim 2]

A transaction support apparatus connected via a network to a user apparatus including means for, upon receiving a request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, transferring the received request for transmission to the

transaction support apparatus, and means for, upon receiving electronic money, transferring the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus,

the transaction support apparatus comprising:

means for storing electronic money; and

means for, when the request for transmission of electronic money is transferred from the user apparatus to the transaction support apparatus, transmitting the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission.

[Claim 3]

A user apparatus connected via a network to a transaction support apparatus including means for storing electronic money and means for, when a request for transmission of electronic money is transferred to the transaction support apparatus, transmitting the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission,

the user apparatus comprising:

means for, upon receiving the request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, transferring the received request for transmission to the transaction support apparatus; and

means for, upon receiving electronic money from the transaction support apparatus, transferring the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus.

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1. A transaction system, comprising:

a user apparatus; and

a transaction support apparatus, the user apparatus and the transaction support apparatus being connected via a network; and

wherein upon receiving a request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus that is connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, the user apparatus is configured to transfer the received request for transmission to the transaction support apparatus; and

upon receiving electronic money from the transaction support apparatus, the user apparatus is further configured to transfer the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus, and

wherein the transaction support apparatus is configured to store electronic money, and

when the request for transmission of electronic money is transferred from the user apparatus to the transaction support apparatus, the transaction support apparatus is configured to transmit the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission.

2. A transaction support apparatus connected via a network to a user apparatus, the user apparatus being configured to, upon receiving a request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, transfer the received request for transmission to the transaction support apparatus, and upon receiving electronic money, transfer the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus,

the transaction support apparatus being configured to store electronic money, and

wherein, when the request for transmission of electronic money is transferred from the user apparatus to the transaction support apparatus, the transaction support apparatus is configured to transmit the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission.

3. A user apparatus connected via a network to a transaction support apparatus configured to store electronic money, the transaction support apparatus being configured to, when a request for transmission of electronic money is transferred to the transaction support apparatus, transmit the stored electronic money to the user apparatus in accordance with the request for transmission,

the user apparatus being configured to:

upon receiving the request for transmission of electronic money from a transaction apparatus connected to the user apparatus via short-range radio communication, transfer the received request for transmission to the transaction support apparatus; and

upon receiving electronic money from the transaction support apparatus, transfer the received electronic money to the transaction apparatus.