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CLAIM 1. An information processing apparatus
included in an information processing system

5 including a name card reading apparatus and the
information processing apparatus which are connected
to each other via a network, the information
processing apparatus comprising:

a memory unit configured to store first
10 information of one or more divisions included in an
organization and second information of persons
belonging to the divisions acquired by reading name
cards by the name card reading apparatus;

an acquisition unit configured to acquire
15 third information of persons belonging to respective
divisions included in the organization from a medium
other than the name cards;

an identification unit configured to
identify fourth information of the person not stored
20 in the memory unit from the third information of the
persons acquired by the acquisition unit; and

an output unit configured to output the
identified fourth information of the person not
stored in the memory unit and the second

information of the persons stored in the memory
unit and indicate which information is of the
person not stored in the memory unit and which
information is of the persons stored in the memory
5 unit.

CLAIM 2. The information processing
apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the identification unit is
10 configured to identify fourth information of the
person not stored in the memory unit from the third
information of the persons acquired by the
acquisition unit and information of a division of the
person.

15 CLAIM 3. The information processing
apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the output unit is configured to
separately output information of the person or the
20 division identified by the identification unit and
information of a person or a division which is not
identified by the identification unit from a
predetermined one or more divisions.

CLAIM 4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the output unit is configured to highlight the information of the person or the
5 division identified by the identification unit.

CLAIM 5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an achievement level calculation unit
10 configured to calculate an achievement level indicating a ratio of a number of acquired name cards to a scale of predetermined divisions based on the number of divisions including a predetermined higher division and divisions under the higher division and
15 name card reception information related to the persons belonging to the higher division or the divisions.

CLAIM 6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
20 an update unit configured to update the first information of one or more divisions and the second information of the persons stored in the memory unit;

wherein the acquisition unit is configured to further acquire information of one or more divisions included in the organization along with the information of the persons, and

5 wherein the update unit is configured to update the first information of the divisions and the second information of the persons stored in the memory unit based on the information of the divisions and the information of the persons acquired by the
10 acquisition unit.

CLAIM 7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

 wherein the information of the person output
15 by the output unit is the information of responsible persons of predetermined one or more divisions.

CLAIM 8. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

20 a receiving unit configured to receive an inquiry from a user,

wherein the identification unit is configured to identify one or more divisions related to affiliation of the user.

5 CLAIM 9. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the medium other than the name cards includes a paper medium or an electronic medium storing information for investors and personnel
10 information.

CLAIM 10. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein when the medium other than the name
15 cards is a paper medium, the acquisition unit is configured to acquire the information of divisions and the information of the persons by reading the paper medium by the name card reading apparatus.

20 CLAIM 11. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the memory unit is configured to further store information of use fee based on a use

period of the information processing apparatus or a
use period of the name card reading apparatus, and
wherein the output unit is configured to
output the information of the use fee.

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CLAIM 12 . An information processing method
executed by an information processing apparatus
included in an information processing system
including a name card reading apparatus and the
10 information processing apparatus which are connected
to each other via a network, the method comprising:
a storing step of storing first information of
one or more divisions included in an organization and
second information of persons belonging to the divisions
15 acquired by reading name cards by the name card reading
apparatus;
an acquisition step of acquiring third
information of persons belonging to respective divisions
included in the organization from a medium other than
20 the name cards;
an identification step of identifying fourth
information of the person not stored in the storing

step from the third information of the persons
acquired in the acquisition step; and

an output step of outputting the identified
fourth information of the person not stored in the
5 memory unit and the second information of the persons
stored in the memory unit and indicating which
information is of the person not stored in the memory
unit and which information is of the persons stored in
the memory unit.

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CLAIM 13. An information processing system
comprising:

a name card reading apparatus; and an
information processing apparatus
15 connected to the name card reading apparatus via a
network,
wherein the name card reading apparatus includes
a reading unit configured to read a name
card, and
20 wherein the information processing apparatus includes
a memory unit configured to store first
information of one or more divisions included in an

organization and second information of persons belonging to the divisions acquired by reading the name cards by the reading unit;

an acquisition unit configured to acquire
5 third information of persons belonging to
respective divisions included in the organization
from a medium other than the name cards;

an identification unit configured to
identify fourth information of the person who is not
10 stored in the memory unit from the third information of
the persons acquired by the acquisition unit; and

an output unit configured to output the
identified fourth information of the person not stored
in the memory unit and the second information of the
15 persons stored in the memory unit and indicate which
information is of the person not stored in the memory
unit and which information is of the persons stored in
the memory unit.

20 CLAIM 14. The information processing
apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the medium other than the name
cards comprises digitized paper medium.