CLAIMS

1. A point management system comprising a currency exchange rate acquisition means for acquiring a foreign exchange rate for a specific foreign currency, and allowing transfer of points belonging to a point group, which allows customers to enjoy a benefit using points acquired by a customer, to another customer; said point management system further comprising:

specify means for specifying an exchange condition for carrying out the transfer of points belonging to the point group by exchanging the points for other valuables other than the points;

exchange condition display means for displaying the exchange condition specified by the specify means, so as for the customer to determine whether or not exchange is to be carried out;

valuables detection means for detecting the type of the valuables selected to be exchanged by the customer by confirming the exchange condition displayed by the exchange condition display means; and

foreign exchange rate display/output means for displaying/outputting in a recognizable manner the foreign exchange rate acquired by the currency exchange rate acquisition means when the valuables detection means has detected selection of a foreign currency as valuables; wherein

point exchange for the foreign currency is allowed by confirming the exchange condition for the foreign currency.

2. A point management system comprising a currency exchange rate acquisition means for acquiring a foreign exchange rate for a foreign currency, and adding up points acquired by a customer and allowing transfer of points belonging to a point group, which allows customers to enjoy a benefit using the added-up points, to another customer; said point management system further comprising:

specify means for specifying an exchange condition for carrying out the transfer of points belonging to the point group by exchanging the added-up points for other valuables;

exchange condition display means for displaying the exchange condition specified by the specify means, so as for the customer to determine whether or not exchange is to be carried out;

valuables detection means for detecting the type of the valuables desired to be exchanged by the customer by confirming the exchange condition displayed by the exchange condition display means; and

foreign exchange rate reflection/display means for automatically calculating the number of points to be exchanged so that when selecting points issued in a foreign country as the valuables, the foreign exchange rate of the foreign currency acquired by the currency exchange rate acquisition means is reflected on the number of points to be exchanged, and displaying the point exchange condition on which change in monetary value is reflected; wherein

point exchange for the points issued in a foreign country is allowed.

3. The point management system according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the exchange condition display means specifies the exchange condition for points to be

exchanged, thereby allowing specification of customer's own exchange condition while taking another customer's exchange condition into consideration.

4. The point management system according to any one of claim 1 to claim 3, wherein the valuables include electronic money.

5. The point management system according to any one of claim 1 to claim 3, wherein the valuables include game points usable for games.

6. The point management system according to any one of claim 1 to claim 3, wherein the valuables include digital tickets including concert tickets, admission tickets, utilization tickets, and exchange tickets.

7. The point management system according to any one of claim 1 to claim 6, further comprising:

point exchange establishment status determination means for determining an establishment status for transfer of points belonging to a point exchange applicant; and

point exchange condition output means for presenting a predetermined point exchange condition in accordance with determination results of the point exchange establishment status determination means; wherein

a point exchange under the condition presented by the point exchange condition output means is allowed.

8. An operation method of a point management system that adds up points acquired by a customer and allows transfer of points belonging to a point group, which allows customers to enjoy a benefit using the added-up points, to another customer; said method comprising the steps of:

specifying an exchange condition for carrying out the transfer of points belonging to the point group by exchanging the points for other valuables other than the points;

displaying the specified exchange condition so as for the customer to determine whether or not exchange is to be carried out;

detecting the type of the valuables selected to be exchanged by the customer by confirming the displayed exchange condition;

acquiring a foreign exchange rate for a specific foreign currency; and

displaying/outputting in a recognizable manner the foreign exchange rate when a selection of a foreign currency as the valuables has been detected; wherein

point exchange for the foreign currency is allowed by confirming the exchange condition for the foreign currency.

9. An operation method of a point management system that adds up points acquired by a customer and allows transfer of points belonging to a point group, which allows customers to enjoy a benefit using the added-up points, to another customer; said method comprising the steps of:

specifying an exchange condition for carrying out the transfer of points belonging to the point group by exchanging the points for other valuables;

displaying the specified exchange condition so as for the customer to determine whether or not exchange is to be carried out;

detecting the type of the valuables desired to be exchanged by the customer by confirming the displayed exchange condition;

acquiring a foreign exchange rate for a specific foreign currency; and

calculating automatically the number of points to be exchanged so that when selecting points issued in a foreign country, the foreign exchange rate of the foreign currency is reflected on the number of points to be exchanged, and displaying the point exchange condition on which change in monetary value is reflected; wherein

point exchange for the points issued in a foreign country is allowed.

10. The operation method according to claim 8 or claim 9, the displaying step displays all of the exchange conditions for points to be exchanged; and allows specification of customer's own exchange condition while taking another customer's exchange condition into consideration.

11. The operation method according to claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the foreign exchange rate is reflected on the exchange condition when exchanging points using the foreign currency, and the valuables include electronic money or game points usable for game execution.

12. The operation method according to any one of claim 8 to claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

determining an establishment status for transfer of points belonging to a point exchange applicant; and

presenting a predetermined point exchange condition in accordance with the determination results; wherein

point exchange under the predetermined point exchange condition is made possible.