

CLAIMS

1. A settlement system comprising a server and a merchant device, wherein

5 the server comprises:

a rate notification unit configured to report, at a predetermined occasion, an exchange rate between a currency of a first country and a currency of a second country to the merchant device, the exchange rate being applicable for a predetermined period of time to the merchant device; and

a payment controller configured to perform control to determine an amount of payment to be made to the merchant device, based on sales information reported by the merchant device and an exchange rate at a time of purchase, and pay the determined amount to the merchant device in ~~a~~ the currency of ~~a~~ the second country, the currency of the second country being a home currency for the merchant device,

20 the merchant device comprises:

a display controller configured to, if a request from a terminal of a user is received, perform control, based on a fixed exchange rate reported by the server, to display on the terminal of the user an amount of payment for purchase of an article in ~~a~~ the currency of ~~a~~ the first country designated by the user;

a sales notification unit configured to, if the user purchases the article, notify the server of the sales information in the currency of the first country, the sales information being calculated by the display controller based on the exchange rate reported by the server,

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wherein the display controller performs control to identify, based on receipt of an image of the article that the user wishes to purchase ~~received~~ from the terminal, a price of the article contained in the image ~~that the user wishes to purchase~~, calculate the amount of payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the first country based on the price of the article and the exchange rate, and display the calculated amount of payment on the image.

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2. A settlement method implemented by a settlement system comprising a server and a merchant device, the method comprising:

reporting, by the server, an exchange rate between a currency of a first country and a currency of a second country to the merchant device at a predetermined occasion, the exchange rate being applicable for a predetermined period of time to the merchant device;

controlling, by the merchant device, if a request from a terminal of a user is received, to display on the terminal of the user an amount of payment for purchase of an article in ~~a~~ the currency of ~~a~~ the first country designated by the user, based on a fixed exchange rate reported by the server;

notifying, by the merchant device, if the user purchases the article, the server of sales information in ~~a~~ the currency of ~~a~~ the first country, the sales information being calculated based on the exchange rate reported by the server; and

controlling, by the server, to determine an amount of payment to the merchant device based on the sales information reported by the merchant device and the exchange rate at a time of purchase, and to pay the

determined amount to the merchant device in ~~a~~the currency of ~~a~~the second country, the currency of the second country being a home currency for the merchant device,

wherein the controlling by the merchant device
5 includes identifying, based on receipt of an image of the
article that the user wishes to purchase ~~received~~ from the
terminal, a price of the article contained in the image ~~that~~
~~the user wishes to purchase~~, calculating the amount of
10 payment for purchase of the article in the currency of the
first country based on the price of the article and the
exchange rate, and displaying the calculated amount of
payment on the image.