ABSTRACT

An information reception and delivery system according to the present invention retains channel information generated in itself and has urgent channel information delivery means, and delivers urgent information generated by a server to a client in an urgent and forcible manner. The information reception and delivery system has such a system configuration that each server retains channel information generated by itself and provides to other servers a directory regarding channel information that can be made public, and an appropriately selected server accumulates access data on channel information accessed by the clients. The information reception and delivery system has such a configuration that a reception key is assigned to a server in the form of information, and a transmission key is described in transmission information sent by the servers; the lower-level servers and clients receive downloaded information after collating the transmission key in the downloaded information with the reception key assigned to themselves.