

CLAIMS

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:

10 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 name
cards by the name card reading apparatus;

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

20 an identification unit 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

an output unit configured to output, on a
display device, the identified fourth information
of the person not stored in the memory unit and the

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, on a display
device, the identified fourth information of the person
5 not stored in the 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, on
a display device, the identified fourth information of
the person not stored in the memory unit and the second
15 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 unit.

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

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