

SHOJI INTERNATIONAL PATENT OFFICE TOPICS

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Title: An interesting registered business method patent was cancelled.

The above noted patent had been protested under the JP Patent Law article 29. And the patent was cancelled on April 18, 2001. Appeal-Examiner determined the patent to be cancelled because the patent do not use the Law of Nature but is just an agreement between a presenter and presentee .

DT : August 12, 2000

RE: BUSINESS METHOD PATENT

In the beginning of this March, an interesting business method patent was registered in Japan. The abstract of this patent is mentioned below.

The features of this patent are to make a special list of attendants of a wedding ceremony and deliver the gifts to every attendant the other day by the list.

In Japan, formerly, this sort of inventions had been rejected because of not using the Law of Nature. Furthermore, it was said that business method inventions needed to have a relation to Internet system to be registered. Although this business method invention did not apply to these 2 conditions, this invention was registered. All of companies must consider more about business method patent because this new type of business method patent was registered in Japan.

This patent can be protested until September 21, 2000.

Patent Number: 3023658

Issued date: March 21, 2000

Date of registration: January 21, 2000

Title of Invention: PRESENTATION METHOD OF GIFT AT WEDDING CEREMONY

Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To make attendants of a wedding ceremony free from a trouble in carrying back gifts in hands when the gifts are given to the attendants, rationalize the wedding ceremony and avoid a waste in the wedding ceremony further.

SOLUTION: A presenter gives out the gift delivery work to a contractor, with presentee s and groups of gifts specified using a gift list including at least presentee's name columns, presentee's address columns, and gift group columns where details of the gifts are described for every group classified according to the sorts and the number of the gifts. The contractor confirms and rearranges the destinations and the dates of delivery for the presentees based on the gift list and delivers the gifts designated by the gift list to the specified destinations at the specified dates of delivery by adequate transportation means.