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(54) **Gaming system**

(57) According to the present invention, a medal-operated gaming machine is provided such that the medal-operated gaming machine comprises a data writing/reading means for writing at least one kind of initial data of the game and history data of the game into a medal with a built-in IC chip (a built-in-IC-chip medal) and/or for reading at least one kind of initial data of the game and history data of the game from the built-in-IC-chip medal, a medal insert mean for making it possible to in-

sert the medal in order to start and/or progress the game, and a medal distribution mean for paying out the medal by receiving the information that the predetermined condition is satisfied while the game is progressed. The gaming machine may give the player much fun because various values are assigned to medals to enhance amusement of the game.

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