

[0097] A second user input unit **215** may be disposed at the second body, specifically, at a front face of the second body **205**.

[0098] A third user input unit **245**, the microphone **122**, the interface unit **170** may be disposed on at least one of the second front case **230** and the second rear case **235**.

[0099] The first to third user input units **210**, **215** and **245** may be generally referred to as a manipulating portion **130**, and various methods and techniques can be employed for the manipulation unit so long as they can be operated by the user in a tactile manner.

[0100] For example, the user input units **130** can be implemented as dome switches, actuators, or touch pad regions that can receive user commands or information according to the user's touch operations (e.g., pressing, pushing, swiping, drag-and-drop, etc.) or may be implemented in the form of a rotatable control wheel (or disc), keys or buttons, a jog dial, a joystick, or the like.

[0101] In terms of their functions, the first user input unit **210** is used for inputting (entering) commands such as start, end, scroll or the like, and the second user input unit **215** is used for inputting (entering) numbers, characters, symbols, or the like. The first user input unit **210** may include a soft key used by interworking with icons displayed on the display unit **151** and navigation key (largely including four direction keys and a central key) for indicating and checking directions.

[0102] Also, the third user input unit **245** may support the so-called hot key functions that allow more convenient activation of particular functions for the mobile terminal.

[0103] The microphone **122** (or other sound pick-up device) may be appropriately implemented to detect user voice inputs, other sounds, and the like.

[0104] The interface unit **170** may be used as a communication link (or passage, path, etc.) through which the terminal can exchange data or the like with an external device. For example, the interface unit **170** may be implemented in the form of a connection port for connecting an earphone to the mobile terminal via a fixed or wireless means, a port for short-range communications (e.g., an Infrared Data Association (IrDA) port, a Bluetooth™ port, a wireless LAN port, etc.), power supply ports for providing power to the mobile terminal, or the like.

[0105] Also, the interface unit **170** may be a card socket for accommodating a SIM (Subscriber Identification Module) card or a UIM (User Identity Module) card, or an external card such as a memory card for storing information.

[0106] The power supply unit **190** for supplying power to the terminal may be located at the second rear case **235**.

[0107] The power supply unit **190** may be, for example, a rechargeable battery that can be detached.

[0108] FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of the mobile terminal of FIG. 2 according to an exemplary embodiment.

[0109] As shown in FIG. 3, a camera **121** (or other image pick-up device) may additionally be disposed on a rear surface of the second rear case **235** of the second body **205**. The camera **121** of the second body **205** may have an image capture direction which is substantially opposite to that of the camera **121** of the first body **200** (namely, the two cameras may be implemented to face towards opposing directions, such as front and rear), and may support a different number of pixels (i.e., have a different resolution) than the camera **121** of the first body.

[0110] For example, the camera of the first body **200** may operate with a relatively lower resolution to capture an image

(s) of the user's face and immediately transmit such image(s) to another party in real-time during video call communication or the like in which reverse link bandwidth capabilities may be limited. Also, the camera of the second body **205** may operate with a relatively higher resolution to capture images of general objects with high picture quality, which may not require immediately transmission in real-time, but may be stored for later viewing or use.

[0111] Additional camera related components, such as a flash **250** and a mirror **255**, may be additionally disposed adjacent to the camera **121**. When an image of the subject is captured with the camera **121** of the second body **205**, the flash **250** illuminates the subject. The mirror **255** allows the user to see himself when he wants to capture his own image (i.e., self-image capturing) by using the camera **121** of the second body **205**.

[0112] The second rear case **235** may further include an audio output module **152**. The audio output module **152** of the second body **205** may support stereophonic sound functions in conjunction with the audio output module **152** of the first body **200** and may be also used for sending and receiving calls in a speaker phone mode.

[0113] A broadcast signal receiving antenna **260** may be disposed (externally or internally) at one side or region of the second rear case **235**, in addition to an antenna that is used for mobile communications. The antenna **260** can also be configured to be retractable from the second body **205**.

[0114] One part of a slide module **265** that allows the first body **200** and the second body **205** to slide relative to each other may be disposed on the first rear case **225** of the first body **200**.

[0115] The other part of the slide module **265** may be disposed on the second front case **230** of the second body **205**, which may not be exposed as shown in the drawing.

[0116] The second camera **121** and other components may be disposed on the second body **205**, but such configuration is not meant to be limited.

[0117] For example, one or more of the elements (e.g., **260**, **121** and **250** and **152** etc.), which are disposed on the second rear case **235** may be mounted on the first body **200**, mainly, on the first rear case **225**. In this case, those elements disposed on the first rear case **225** can be protected (or covered) by the second body **205** in the closed configuration. In addition, even if a separate camera is not provided at the second body, the camera module **121** may be configured to rotate (or otherwise be moved) to thus allow image capturing in various directions.

[0118] The mobile terminal **100** as shown in FIGS. 1 to 3 may be configured to operate with a communication system, which transmits data via frames or packets, such as wired and wireless communication systems, as well as satellite-based communication systems.

[0119] Such communication systems in which the mobile terminal according to the present invention can operate will now be described with reference to FIG. 4.

[0120] Such communication systems may use different air interfaces and/or physical layers. For example, air interfaces utilized by the communication systems include example, frequency division multiple access (FDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), code division multiple access (CDMA), and universal mobile telecommunications system (UMTS) (in particular, long term evolution (LTE)), global system for mobile communications (GSM), and the like. As a non-limiting example, the description hereafter relates to a