

[0096] The first body 100A is placed over the second body 100B, which can be referred to as a closed configuration. And, the first body 100A, as shown in FIG. 2, is placed to expose at least one portion of the second body 100B, which can be referred to as an open configuration.

[0097] The communication terminal is normally operative in the closed configuration to work in a standby mode that can be released by a user's manipulation. The communication terminal is normally operative in the open configuration to work in a phone call mode or the like. Yet, the communication terminal enters a standby mode according to a user's manipulation or after prescribed duration.

[0098] A case (casing, housing, cover, etc.) configuring an exterior of the first body 100A includes a first front case 100A-1 and a first rear case 100A-2. Various electronic parts are loaded in a space constructed by the first front case 100A-1 and the first rear case 100A-2. Optionally, at least one or more intermediate cases can be provided between the first front case 100A-1 and the first rear case 100A-2 in addition.

[0099] In particular, the cases can be formed of synthetic resin by injection molding or formed of a metal based material containing stainless steel (STS), titanium (Ti) or the like.

[0100] The first body 100A, and more particularly, the first front case 100A-1 can be provided with a display module 151, a first audio output module 152-1, a first camera module 121-1, and a first manipulating unit 130-1.

[0101] The display module 151 includes an LCD (liquid crystal display), an OLED (organic light emitting diodes) or the like to visually represent information thereon.

[0102] If a touchpad is overlapped with the display module 151 to configure a layer structure, the display module 151 works as a touchscreen. So, a user can touch the display module 151 to enable an information input.

[0103] The first audio output module 152-1 can be implemented into a receiver or a speaker.

[0104] The first camera module 121-1 can be implemented to facilitate a user to capture an image or a moving picture.

[0105] Like the first body 100A, a case, which configures an exterior of the second body 100B, is constructed with a second front case 100B-1 and a second rear case 100B-2.

[0106] In particular, a second manipulating unit 130-2 can be provided to a front face of the second front case 100B-1.

[0107] And, a third manipulating unit 130-3, a microphone module 122, and an interface unit 170 can be provided to at least one of the second front case 100B-1 and the second rear case 100B-2.

[0108] The first to third manipulating units 130-1, 130-2 and 130-3 can be referred to as a manipulating unit 130. Every tactile manner of enabling a user to perform manipulation with a tactile sense can be adopted as the manipulating unit.

[0109] For instance, the manipulating unit 130 can be implemented with a dome switch which can receive a command or information by a user's push manipulation, a touchpad which receives a command or information by a user's touch manipulation, a wheel for rotating a key, a jog shuttle or a joystick by a user's manipulation, or the like.

[0110] In aspect of functionality, the first manipulating unit 130-1 is provided to input such a command as a start, an end, a scroll, and the like and the second manipulating unit 130-2 is provided to input numerical figures, characters, symbols, and the like.

[0111] And, the third manipulating unit 130-3 can operate as a hotkey to activate special function(s) within the communication terminal.

[0112] The microphone module 122 can be implemented into a configuration suitable for receiving a user's voice or other sounds.

[0113] The interface unit 170 is a path for enabling the communication terminal of the present invention to exchange data with an external device.

[0114] For instance, the interface unit 170 can include at least one of a connecting port for wire/wireless connection to an earphone, a port for short-range communication (e.g., IrDA port, Bluetooth port, a wireless LAN port, etc.), and a power supply port for supplying power to the communication terminal.

[0115] The interface unit 170 can include a card socket for receiving an external card such as SIM (subscriber identification module), UIM (user identify module), and a memory card for information storage.

[0116] Preferably a power supply unit 190 is loaded in the second rear case 100B-2 to supply power to the communication terminal.

[0117] And, the power supply unit 190, for example, includes a chargeable battery and can be detachably attached for battery charging.

[0118] FIG. 3 is a rear perspective diagram of an example of the communication terminal shown in FIG. 2 according to an embodiment of the invention.

[0119] Referring to FIG. 3, a second camera module 121-2 can be additionally provided to a rear face of the second rear case 100B-2. The second camera module 121-2 has a photographing direction substantially opposite to that of the first camera module ('121-1': cf. FIG. 1) and can have pixels differing from those of the first camera module.

[0120] For instance, the first camera module 121-1 has low pixels enough to transmit a user's captured face to a correspondent side in video communication. The second camera module 121-2 preferably includes high pixels because a captured subject is not immediately transmitted in general. Other variations are also possible.

[0121] A flash 121-3 and a mirror 121-4 can be additionally provided in the vicinity of the second camera module 121-2. In case that a subject is photographed by a user using the second camera module 121-2, the flash 121-3 can be configured to flash light on the subject. The mirror 121-4 enables a user to look at his face and the like in case of attempting to self-photograph himself.

[0122] A second audio output module 152-2 can be additionally provided to the second rear case 100B-2.

[0123] The second audio output module 152-2 can implement a stereo function together with the first audio output module (e.g., element 152-1 in FIG. 2) and can be used for conversation in a speakerphone mode.

[0124] One portion of a slide module 100C, which enables the first and second bodies 100A and 100B to be slidably assembled, is provided to the first rear case 10A-2 of the first body 100A. And, the other portion of the slide module 100C is provided to the second front case 100B-1 of the second body 100B not to be externally exposed as shown in the drawing.

[0125] In the above description, the second camera module 121-2 or the like is provided to the second body 100B, by which the present invention is not limited. For instance, at least one of the elements 111-1, 121-2, 121-3 and 152-2 provided to the second rear case 100B-2 such as the second camera module 121-2 can be provided to the first body 100A, and more particularly, to the first rear case 100A-2.