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(54) MAKEUP SIMULATION SYSTEM, MAKEUP SIMULATOR, MAKEUP SIMULATION METHOD, AND MAKEUP SIMULATION PROGRAM

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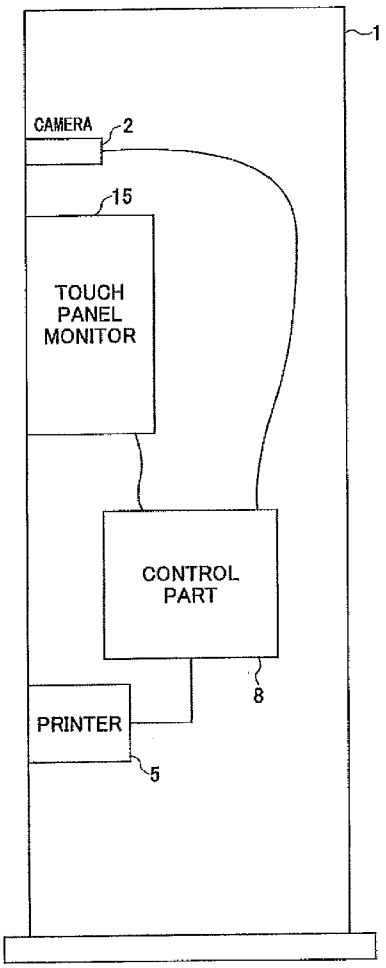
(57) **ABSTRACT**

According to the present invention, a makeup simulation system applying makeup to a video having an image of the face of a user captured thereon is characterized by image capturing means for capturing the image of the face of the user and outputting the video, control means for receiving the video output from the image capturing means, performing image processing on the video, and outputting the video; and display means for displaying the video output from the control means, wherein the control means includes face recognition means for recognizing the face of the user from the video based on predetermined tracking points; and makeup processing means for applying a predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points and outputting the video to the display means.



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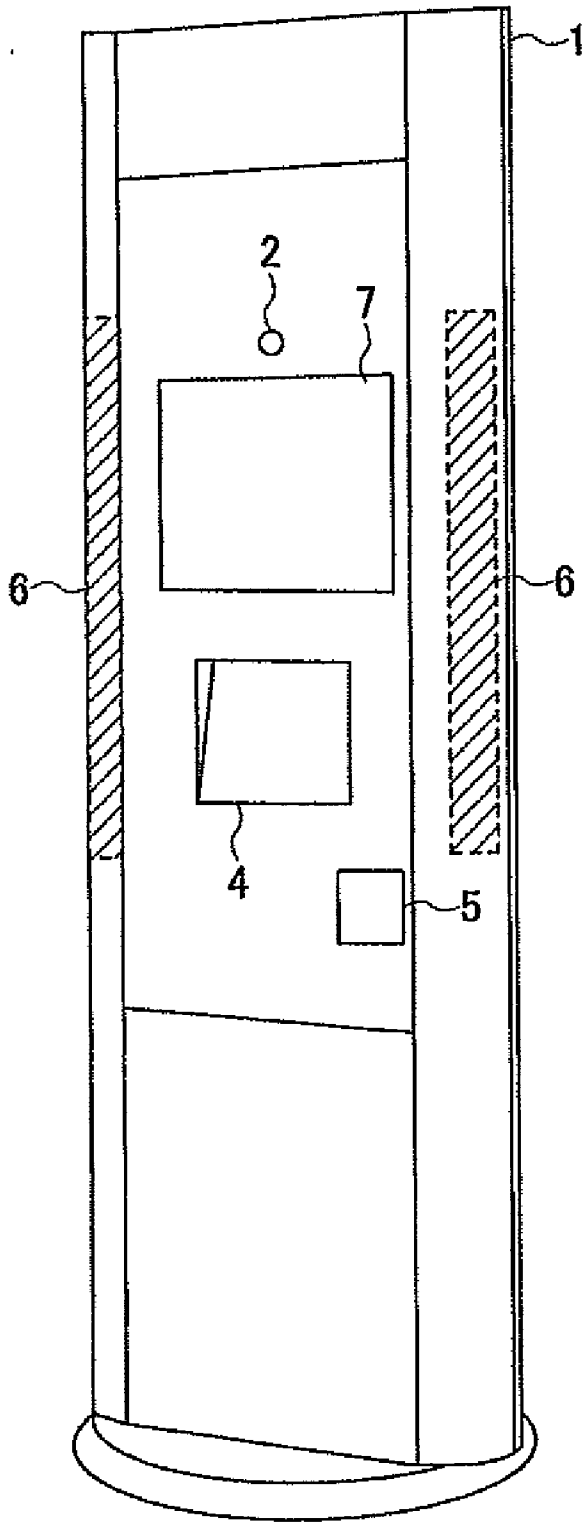

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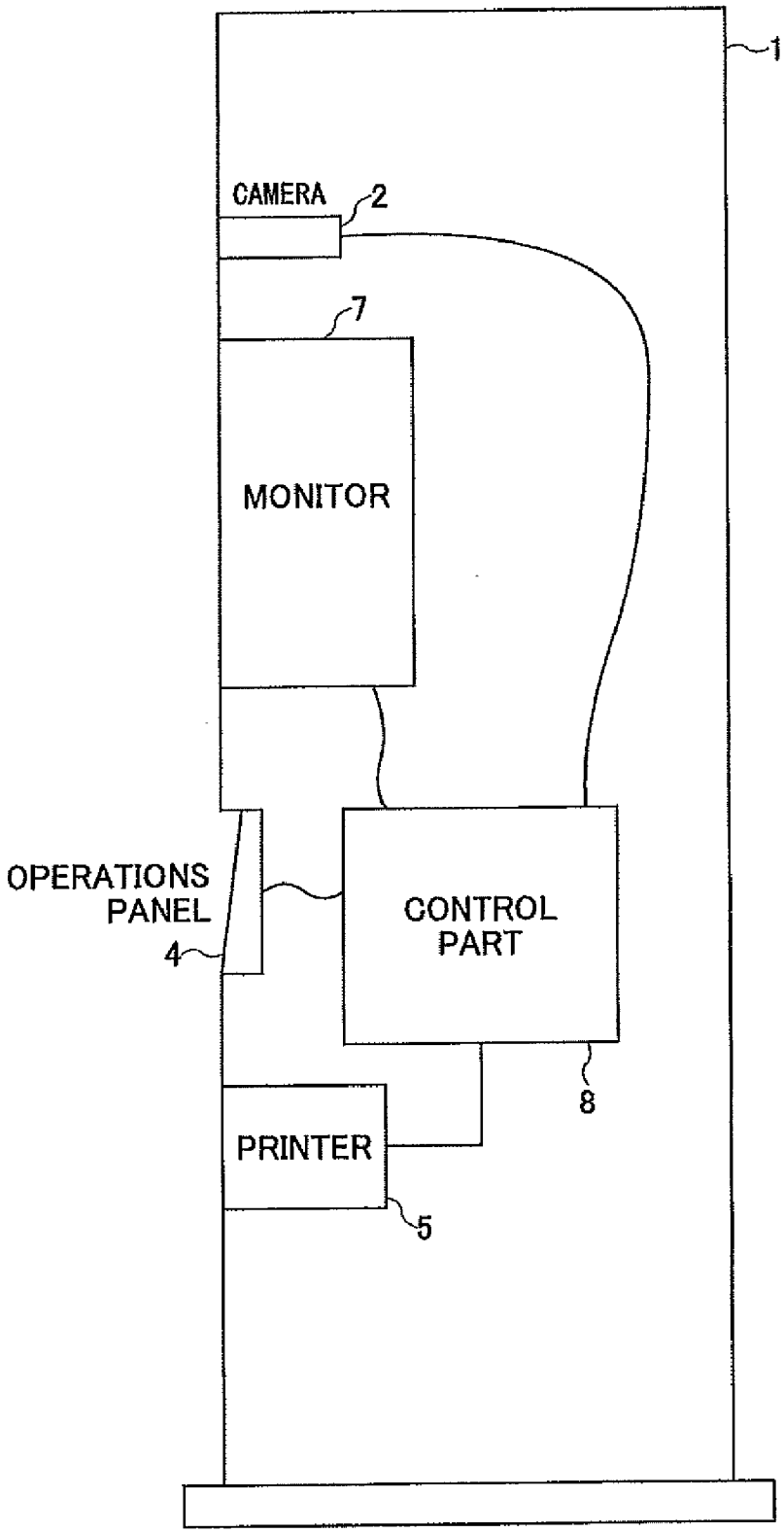
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CONTROL
PART
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PRINTER
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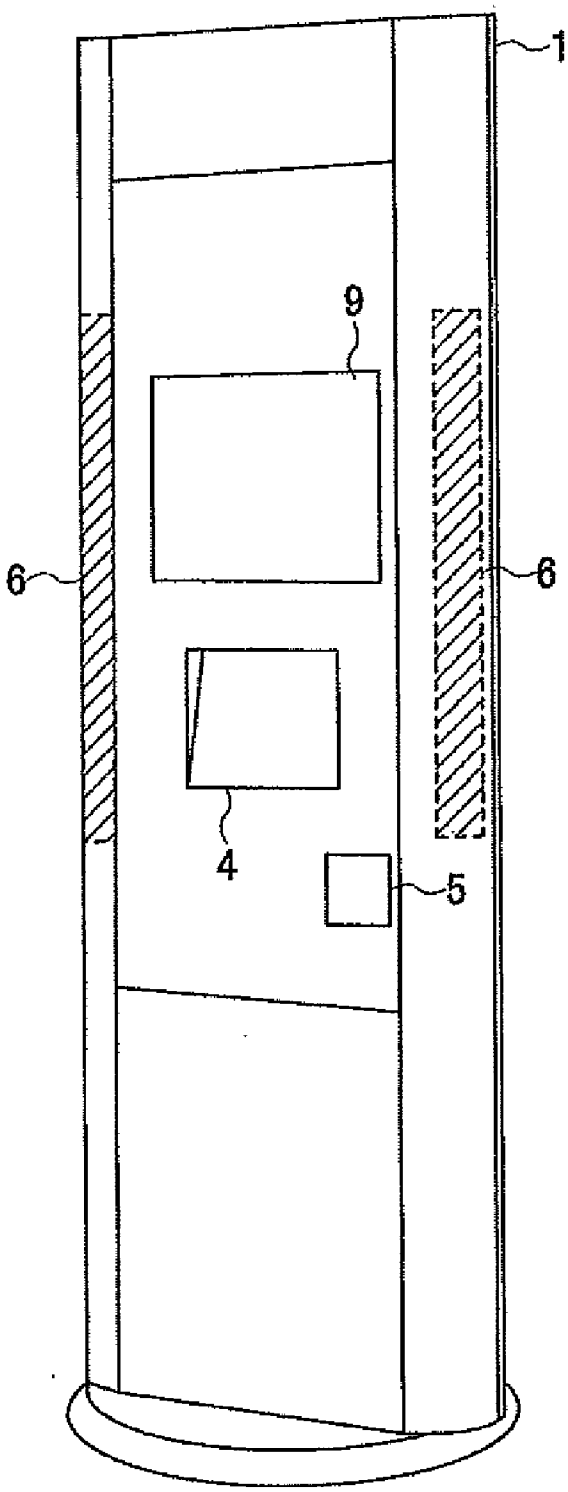

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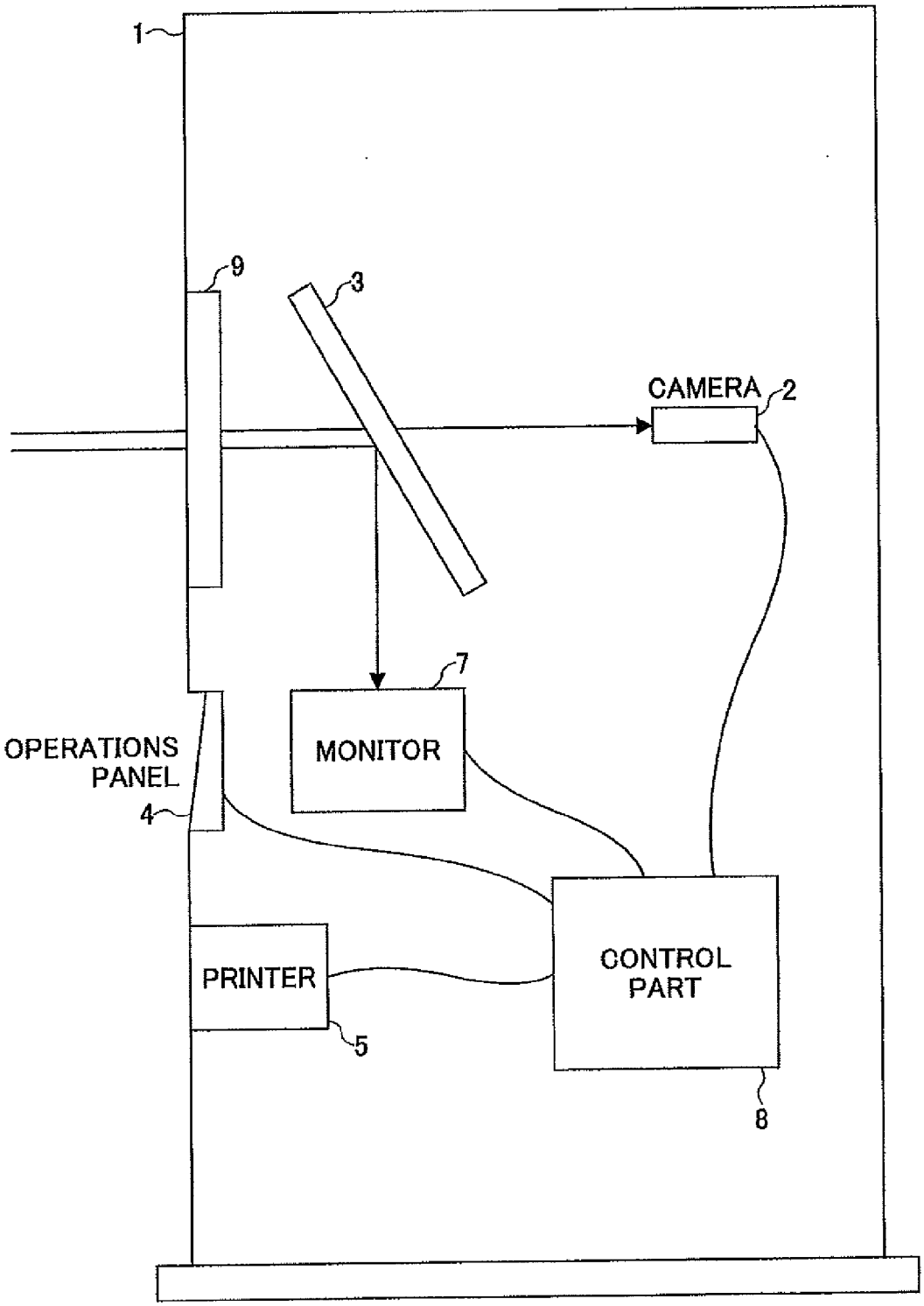
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PANEL
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CONTROL
PART
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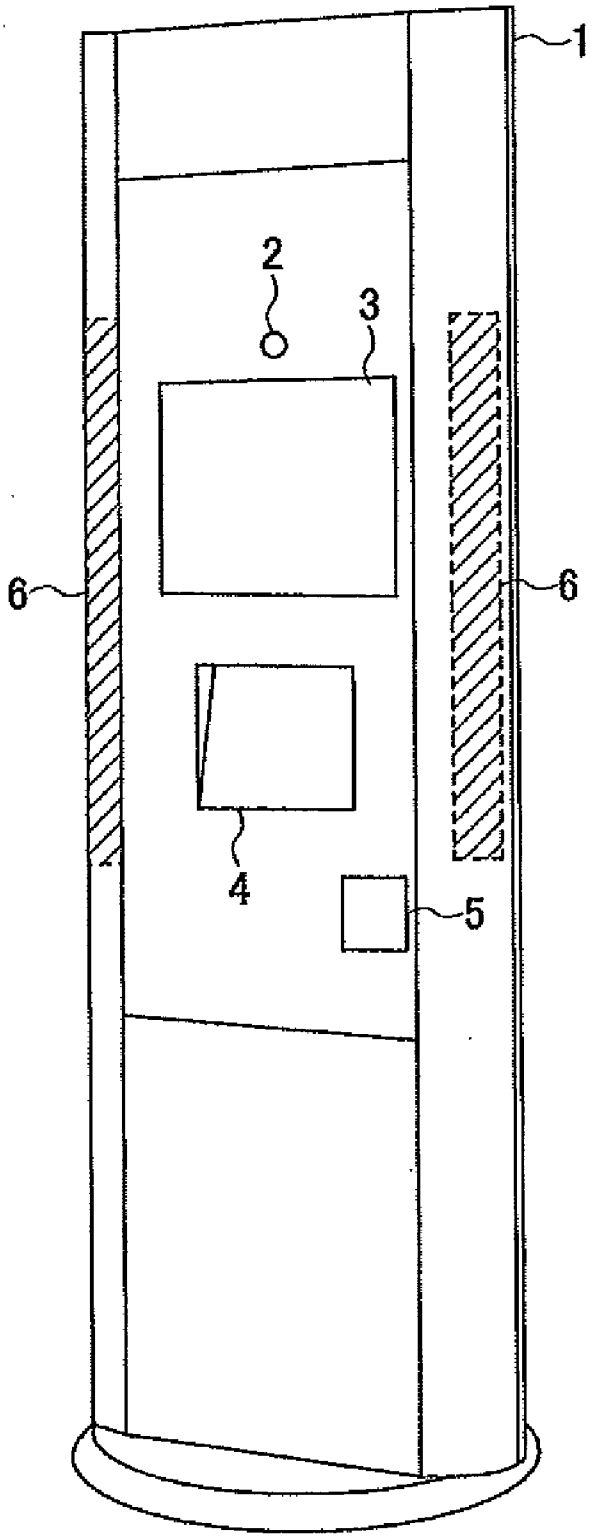

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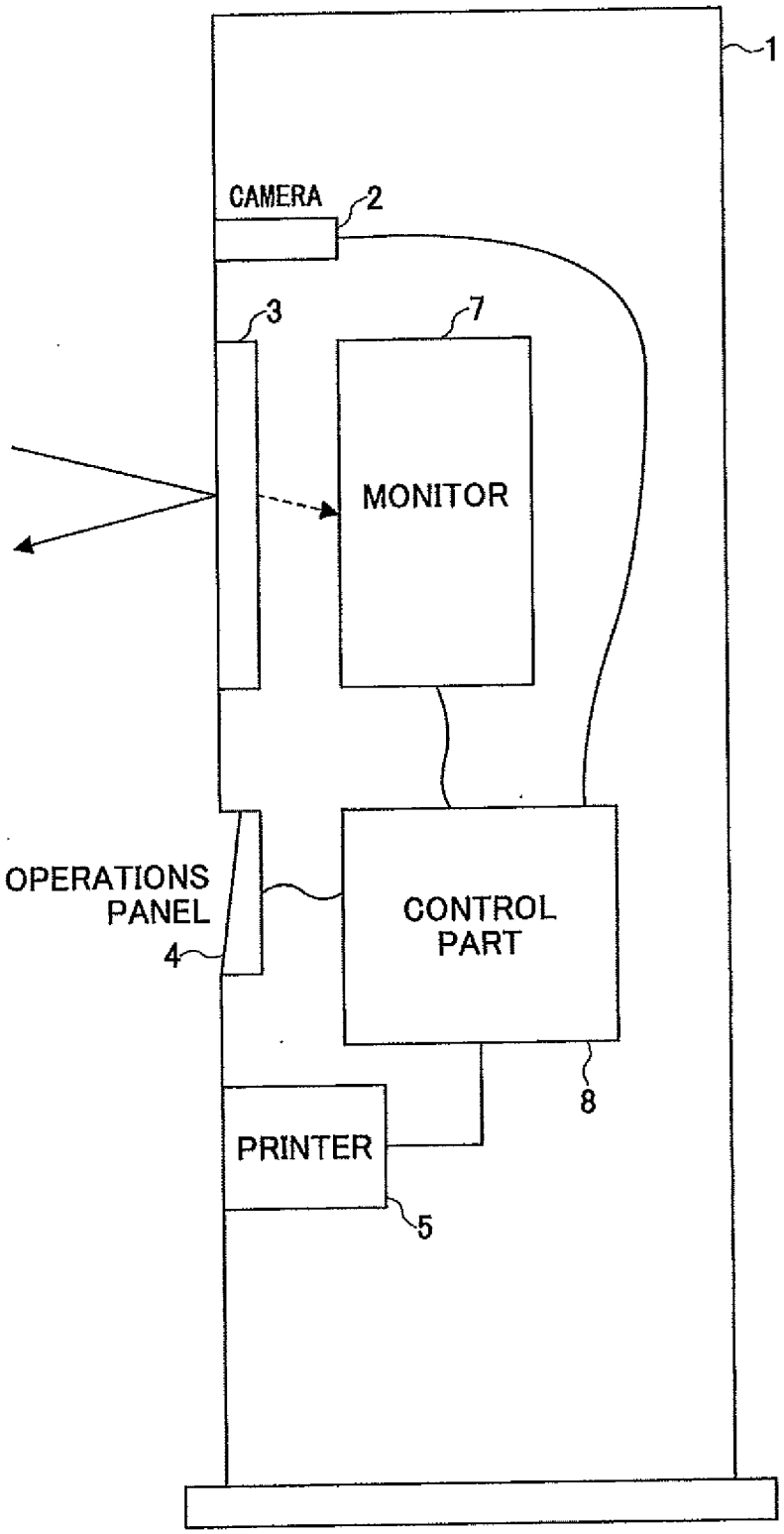
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OPERATIONS
PANEL
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CONTROL
PART
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PRINTER
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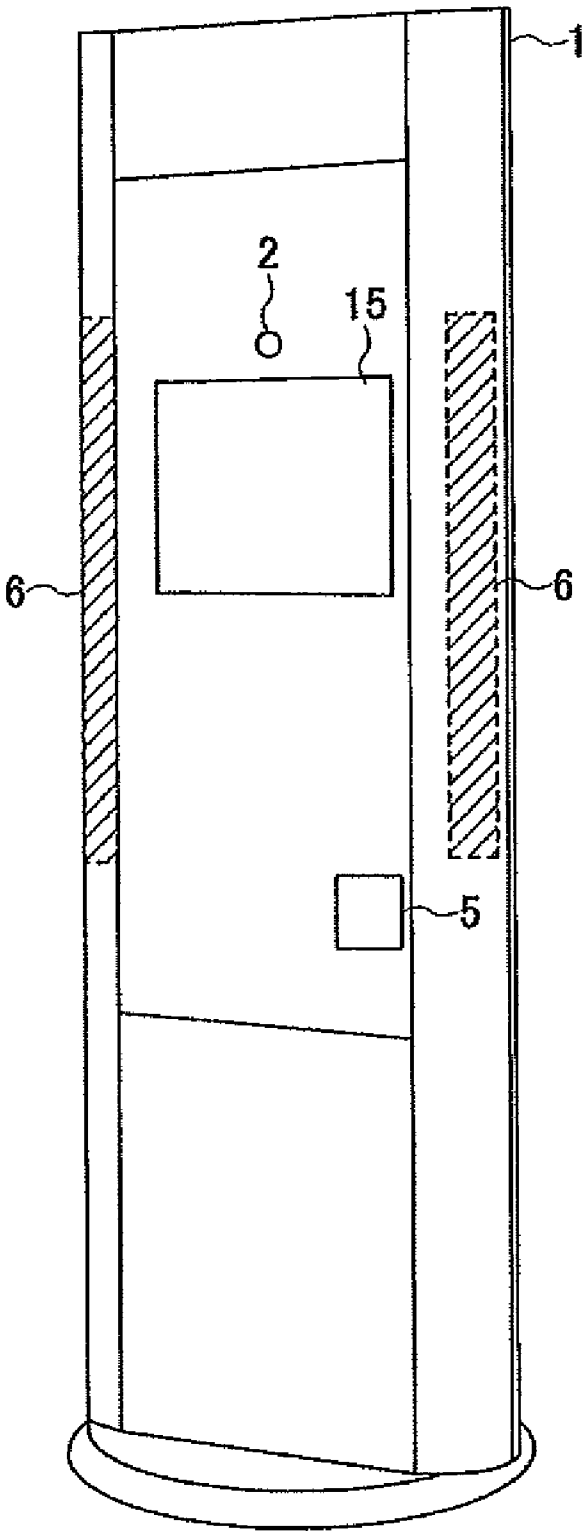

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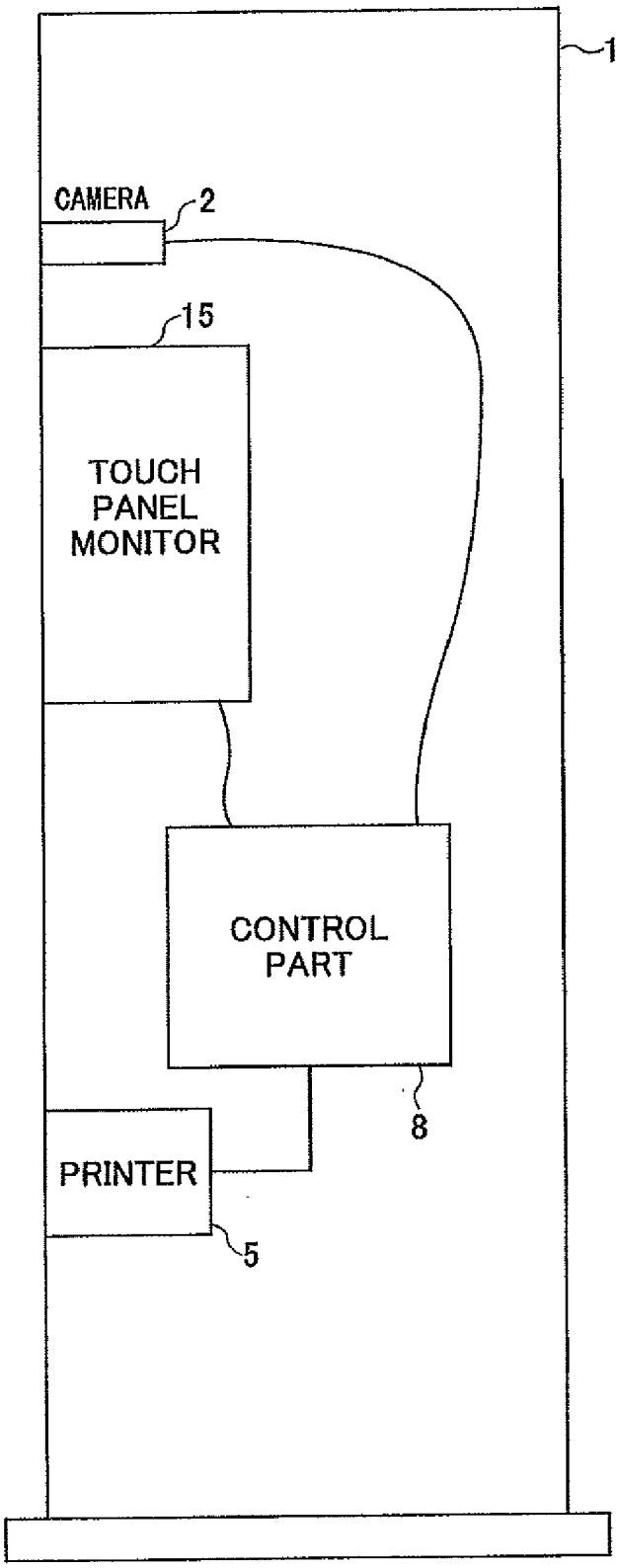

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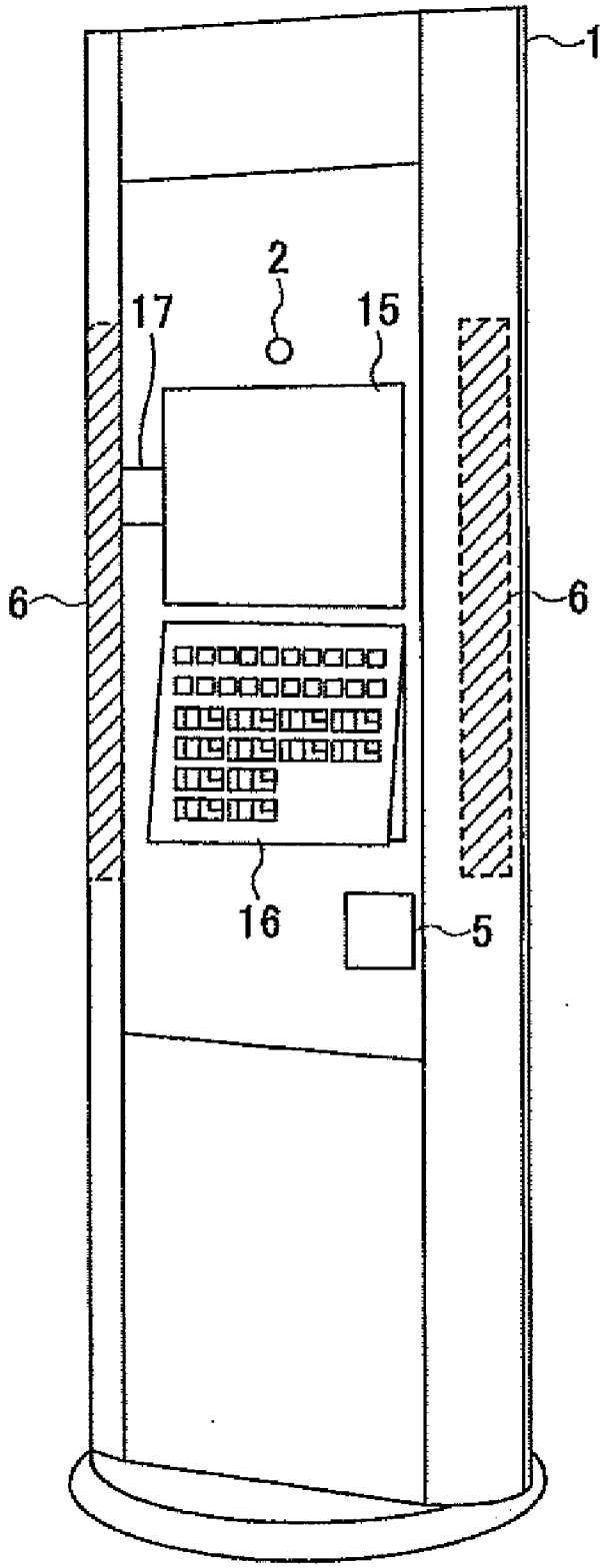

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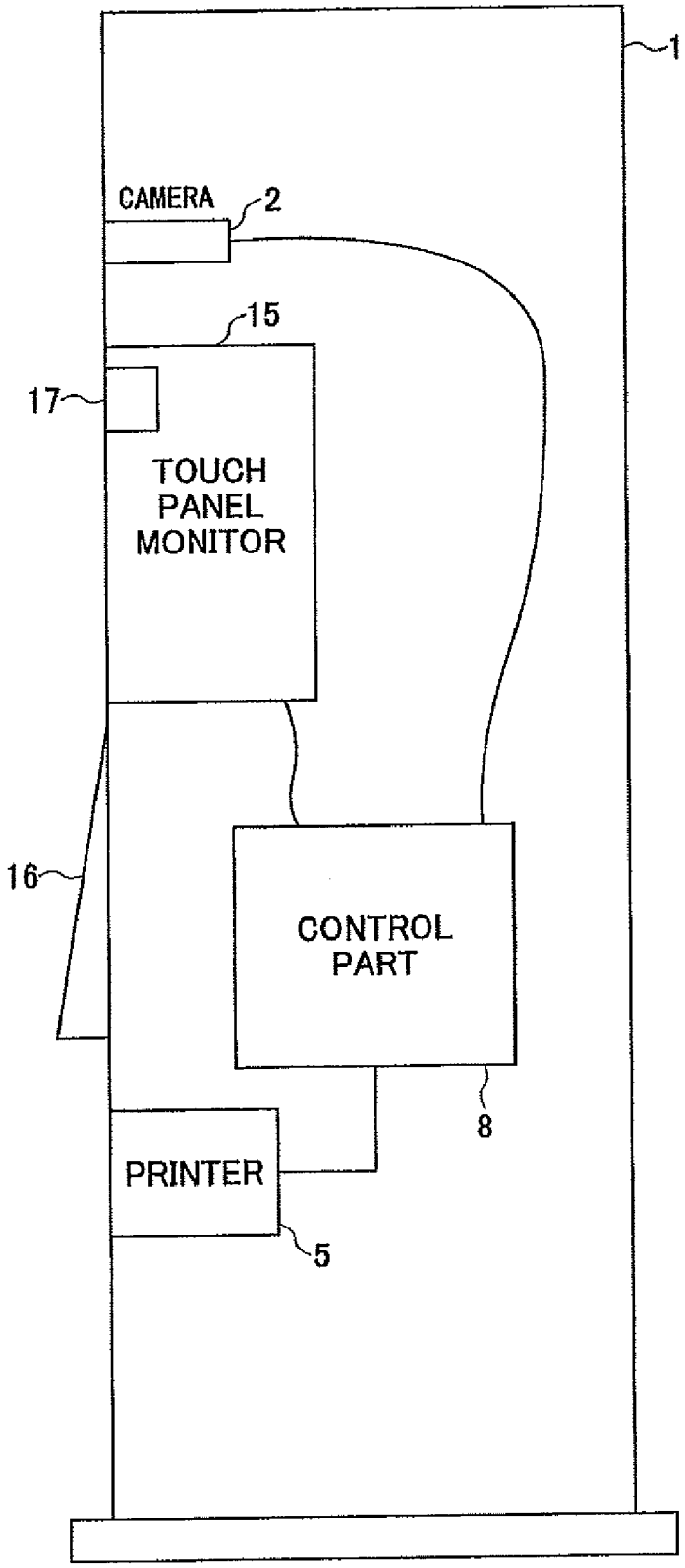
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17
TOUCH
PANEL
MONITOR
16
CONTROL
PART
8
PRINTER
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FIG.11

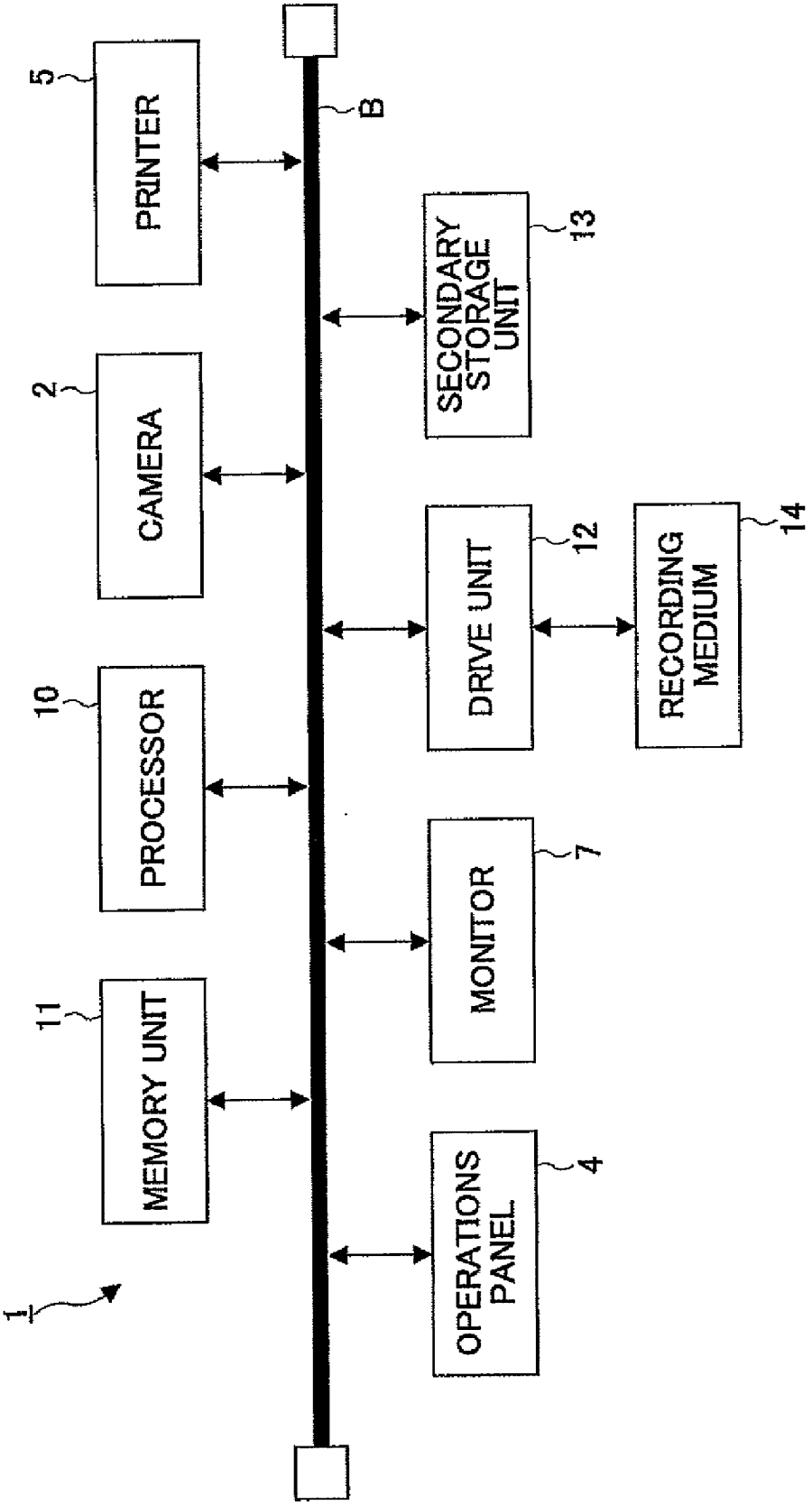

1
11
MEMORY UNIT
10
PROCESSOR
2
CAMERA
5
PRINTER
B
OPERATIONS PANEL
4
MONITOR
7
DRIVE UNIT
12
RECORDING MEDIUM
14
SECONDARY STORAGE UNIT
13

FIG.12

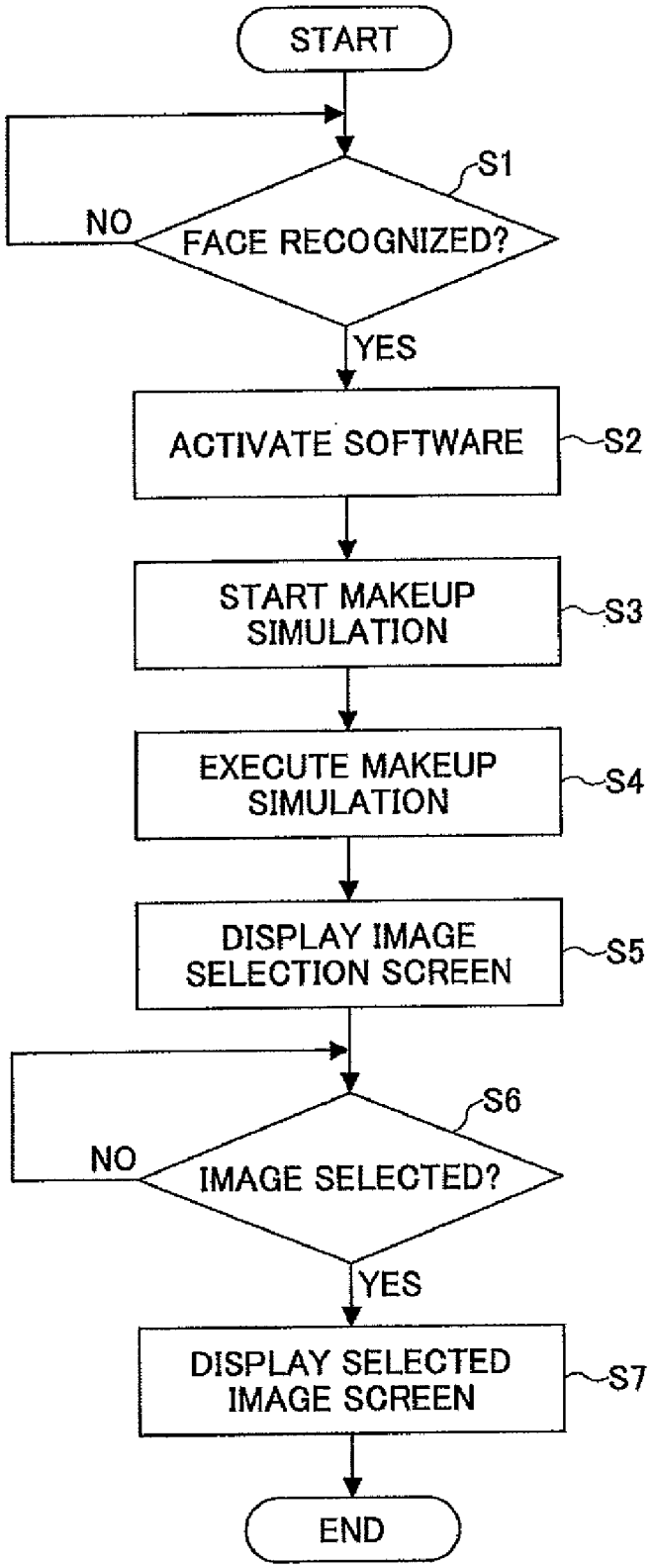
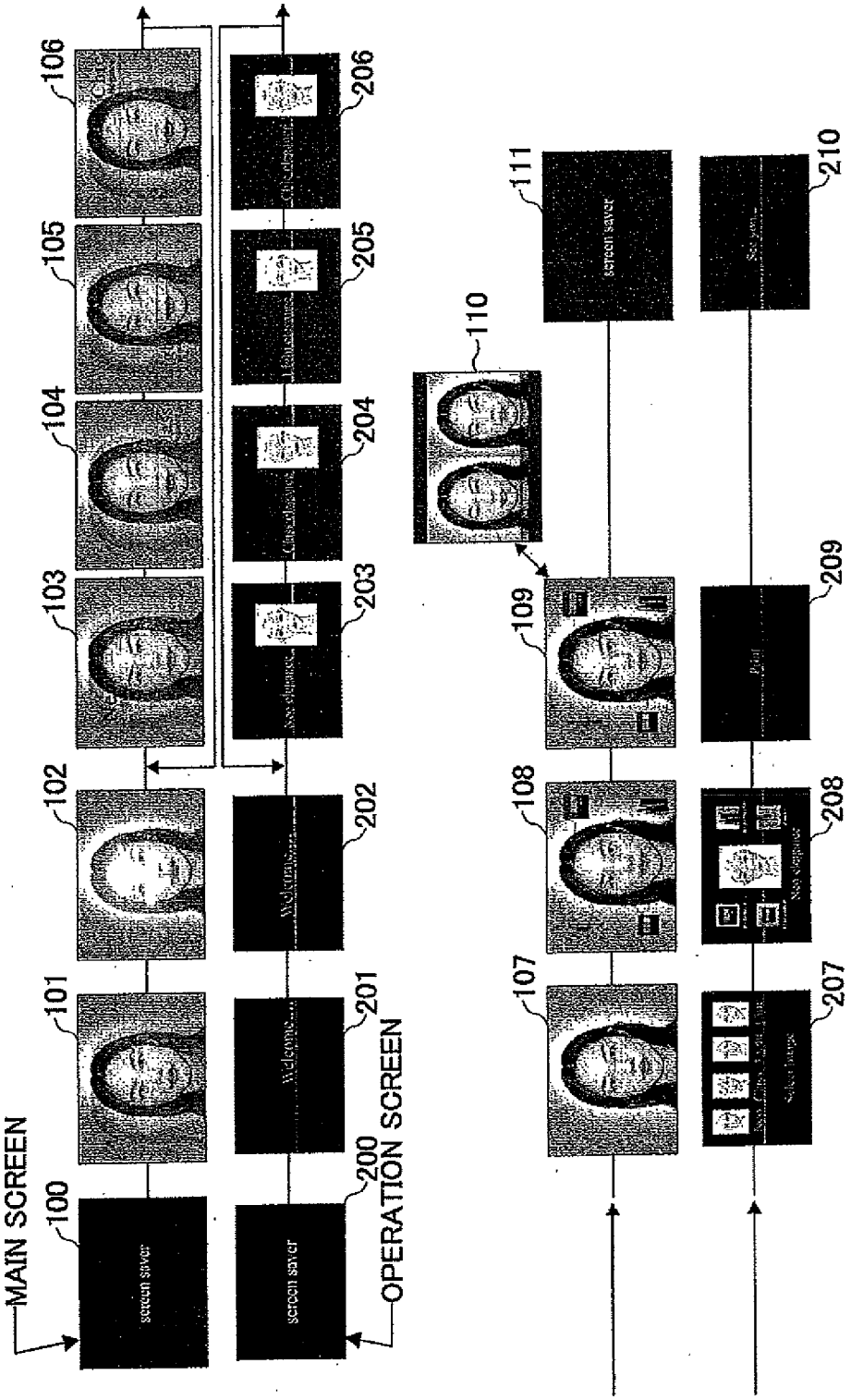

START
S1
NO
FACE RECOGNIZED?
YES
ACTIVATE SOFTWARE
S2
START MAKEUP SIMULATION
S3
EXECUTE MAKEUP SIMULATION
S4
DISPLAY IMAGE SELECTION SCREEN
S5
S6
NO
IMAGE SELECTED?
YES
DISPLAY SELECTED IMAGE SCREEN
S7
END

FIG.13


MAIN SCREEN
OPERATION SCREEN
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101
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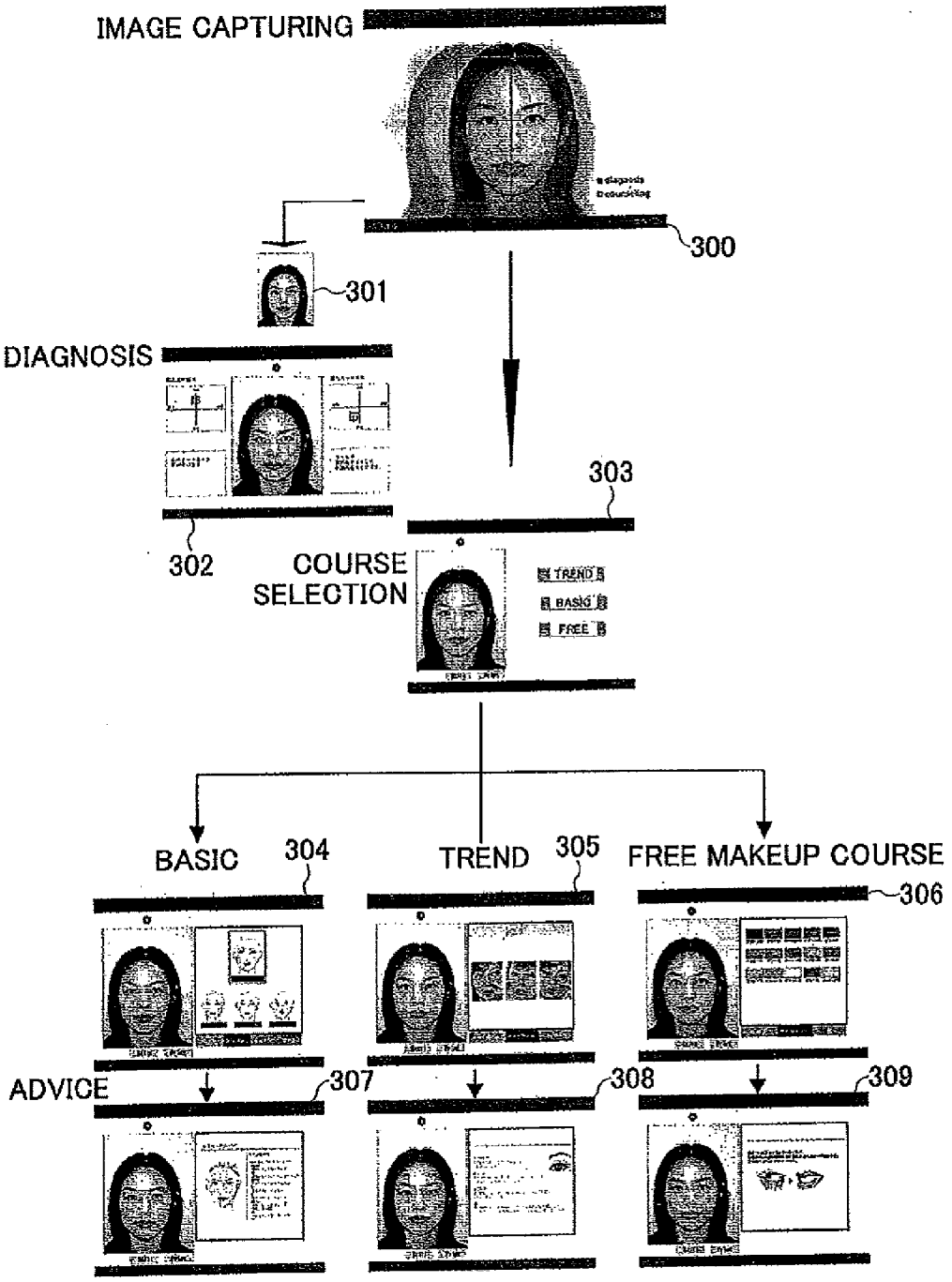
screen saver
screen saver

FIG.14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301
DIAGNOSIS
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303
COURSE SELECTION
TREND
BASIC
FREE
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TREND
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FREE MAKEUP COURSE
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308
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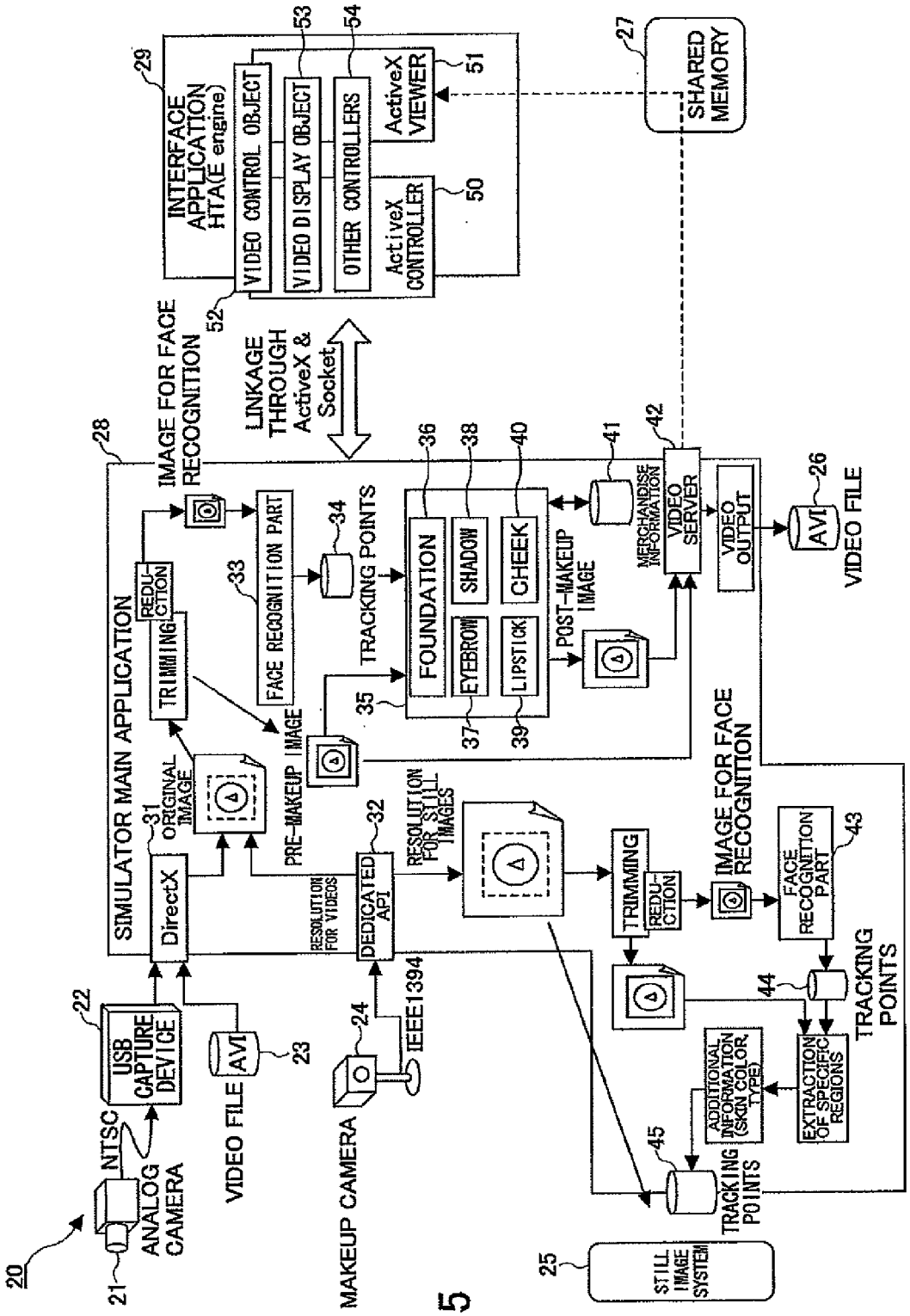
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NTSC
ANALOG CAMERA
22
USB CAPTURE DEVICE
VIDEO FILE
AVI
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MAKEUP CAMERA
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IEEE1394
25
STILL IMAGE SYSTEM
SIMULATOR MAIN APPLICATION
28
DirectX
31
ORIGINAL IMAGE
TRIMMING
REDU-CTION
PRE-MAKEUP IMAGE
RESOLUTION FOR VIDEOS
DEDICATED API
32
RESOLUTION FOR STILL IMAGES
IMAGE FOR FACE RECOGNITION
FACE RECOGNITION PART
33
34
TRACKING POINTS
35
FOUNDATION
36
EYEBROW
37
SHADOW
38
LIPSTICK
39
CHEEK
40
POST-MAKEUP IMAGE
41
MERCHANDISE INFORMATION
42
VIDEO SERVER
VIDEO OUTPUT
AVI
26
VIDEO FILE
TRIMMING
REDU-CTION
IMAGE FOR FACE RECOGNITION
FACE RECOGNITION PART
43
44
TRACKING POINTS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SKIN COLOR, TYPE)
EXTRACTION OF SPECIFIC REGIONS
45
TRACKING POINTS
LINKAGE THROUGH ActiveX & Socket
29
INTERFACE APPLICATION HTA(E engine)
VIDEO CONTROL OBJECT
52
VIDEO DISPLAY OBJECT
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OTHER CONTROLLERS
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ActiveX CONTROLLER
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ActiveX VIEWER
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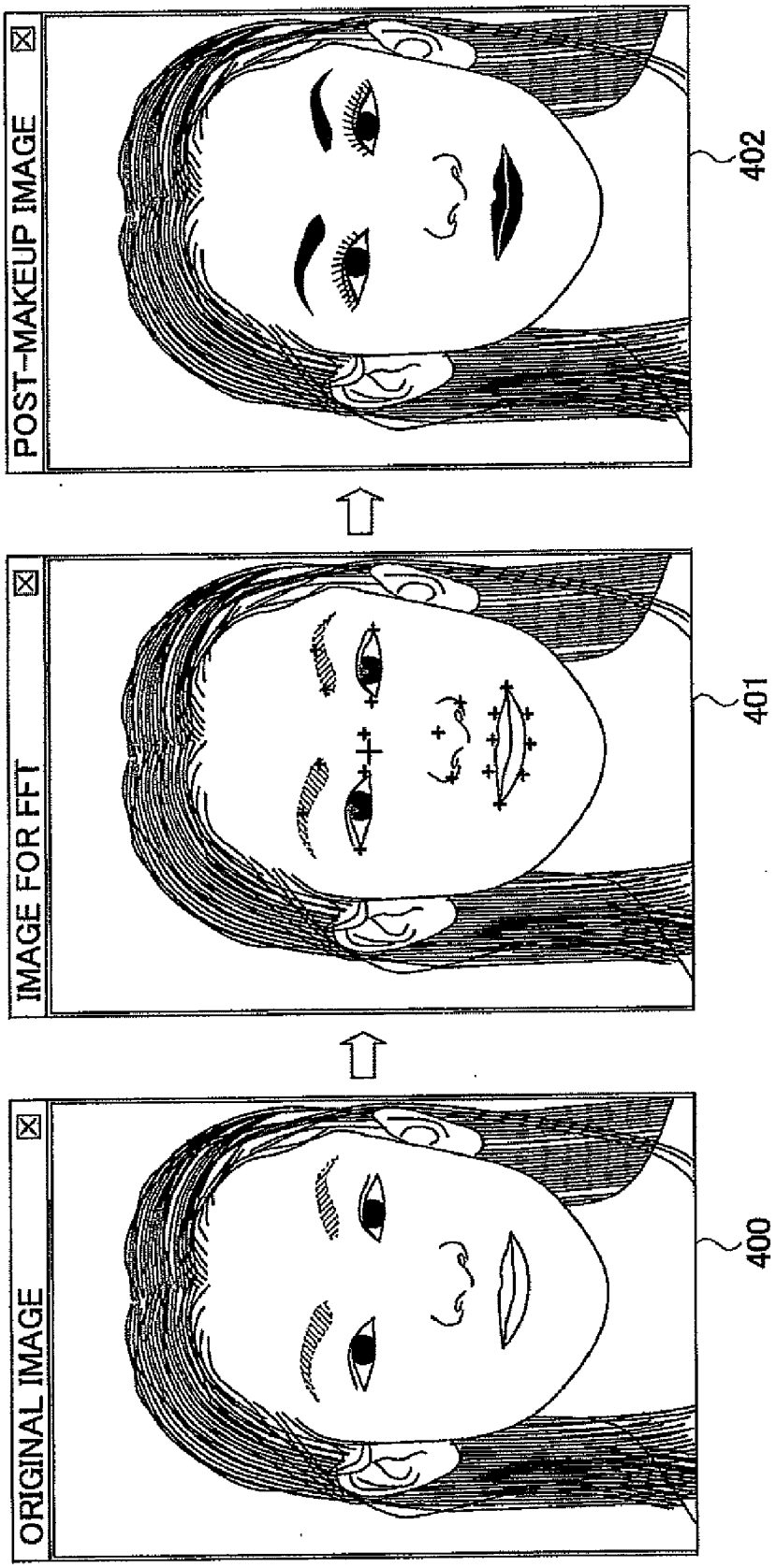
SHARED MEMORY

FIG.15

FIG.16



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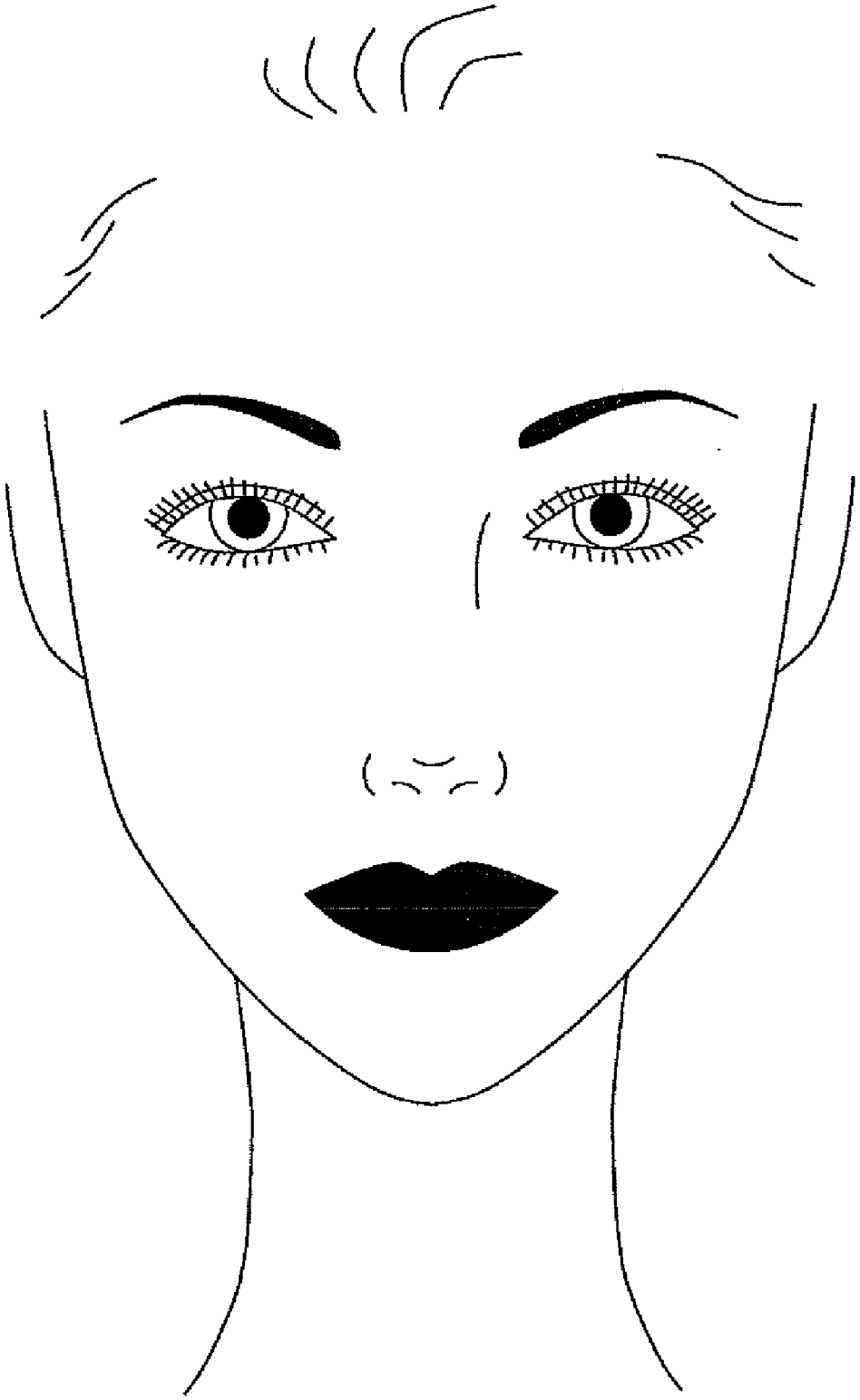

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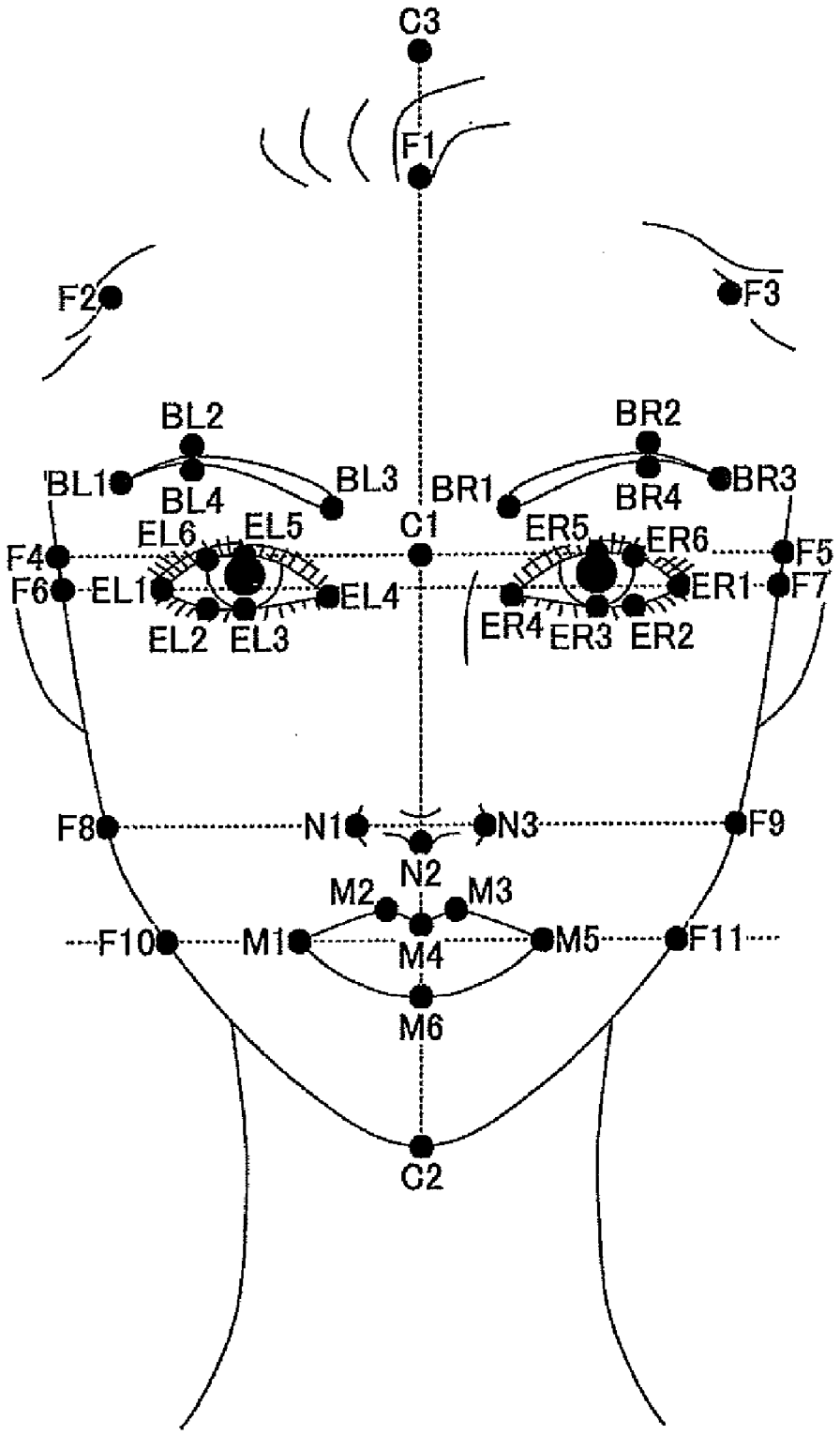
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EL3
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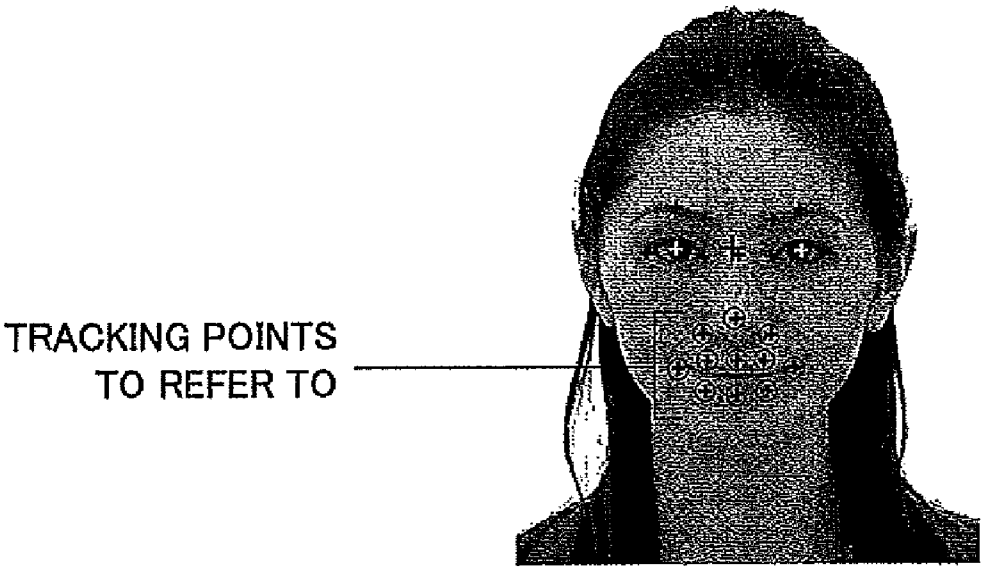
ER3
ER2
F8
N1
N3
F9
N2
M2
M3
F10
M1
M4
M5
F11
M6
C2

FIG.19

EYES	OMBRE COULEUR 106	GRADE REALITE COLOR B ALONG ROUNDNESS OF EYE FROM UPPER EYE EDGE (ER4) TO CENTER OF EYELID (HALFWAY BETWEEN ER 5 AND ER4). ALSO GRADED OVER ENTIRE EDGE OF LOWER EYELASHES.
		GRADE REALITE COLOR C OUTSIDE B GRADED AT END OF UPPER EYELID (FROM CENTER OF ER4 AND ER5 TO PASS THROUGH AROUND 2/3 POINT BETWEEN BR1 AND ER1).
		GRADE REALITE COLOR A OVER ENTIRE EDGE OF UPPER EYELASHES (ER4-ER1) AND LOWER 1/3 PORTION FROM OUTER CORNER OF EYE (ER2-ER1) THINLY AND SLIGHTLY LONG AND NARROWLY.
	COUTURIER COLOR	FOR FURTHER BRIGHTNESS, GRADE COUTURIER COLOR ON CENTER OF UPPER EYELID (ON ER5), UNDER OUTER EYEBROW END (FROM BR4 TO BR1), AND ON INNER CORNER OF EYE (CENTERING ON ER4 AND DOWNWARD) IN SUCH MANNER TO PLACE POWDER.
	MASCARA BRILLIANT BR	APPLY TO EYELASHES FROM ROOT TO TIP IN COMBING MANNER, MOVING LITTLE BY LITTLE IN ZIGZAG MANNER FROM UPPER AND LOWER CENTERS OF EYE (ER5, ER3) TO OUTER CORNER OF EYE (ER1) TO INNER CORNER OF EYE (ER4) IN THIS ORDER, AND FINALLY APPLY OVER EYELASHES OF OUTER CORNER OF EYE (ER6-ER1) TO GIVE FINISH OF LONG AND NARROW IMAGE.
MOUTH	ROUGE A LEVRES RD2	APPLY FROM MOUTH CORNER (M5) TO CENTER (M4-M3) IN SUCH MANNER TO FIT WITH OUTLINE. DRAW STRAIGHT AT MOUTH CORNER PART (M5) AND ROUNDLY AT PEAK PART (M4).
CHEEKS	BLUSH COULEUR (BEIGE)	GRADE IN CIRCLE ALONG CHEEKBONE (AROUND 2/3 BETWEEN F7 AND F9) OUTWARD FROM CENTER OF CHEEK (AROUND HALFWAY FROM ER3 RIGHT DOWN TO LINE CONNECTING N3 AND F9)
	BRIGHT LIGHT COLOR	APPLY AROUND CHEEK COLOR SO THAT IT BLENDS WITH CHEEK COLOR.

FIG.20



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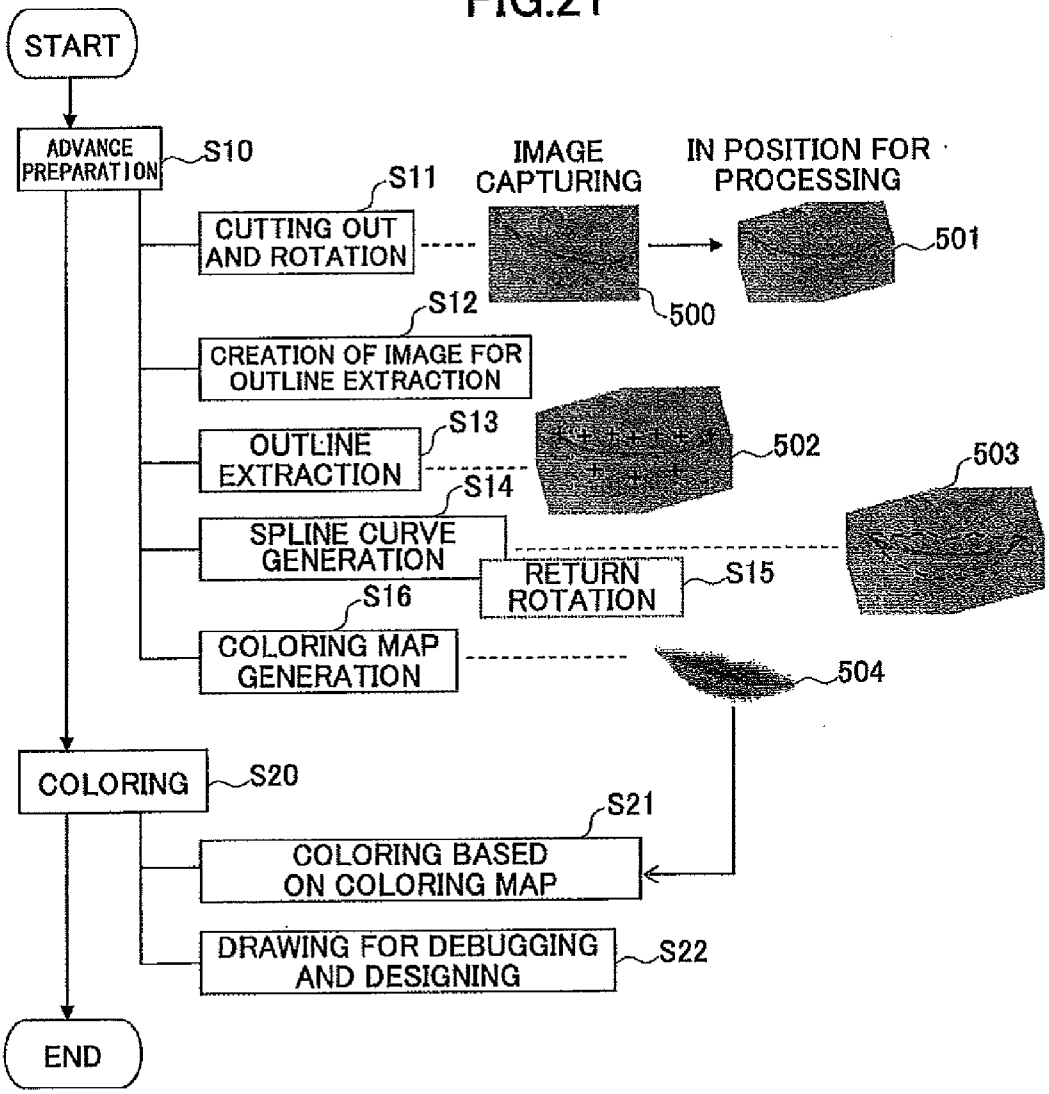
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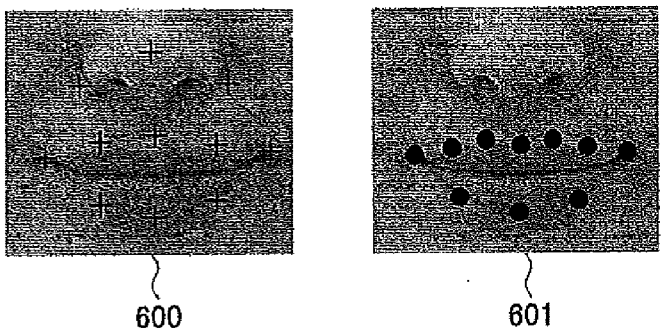
S10
S11
CUTTING OUT AND ROTATION
IMAGE CAPTURING
IN POSITION FOR PROCESSING
500
501
S12
CREATION OF IMAGE FOR OUTLINE EXTRACTION
S13
OUTLINE EXTRACTION
502
503
S14
SPLINE CURVE GENERATION
RETURN ROTATION
S15
S16
COLORING MAP GENERATION
504
COLORING
S20
S21
COLORING BASED ON COLORING MAP
DRAWING FOR DEBUGGING AND DESIGNING
S22
END

FIG.22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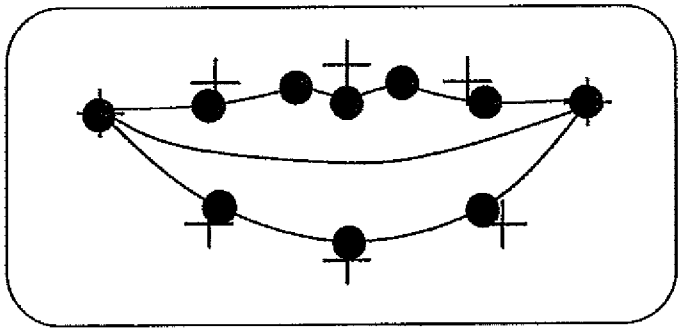

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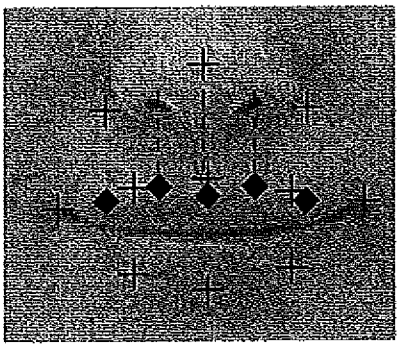

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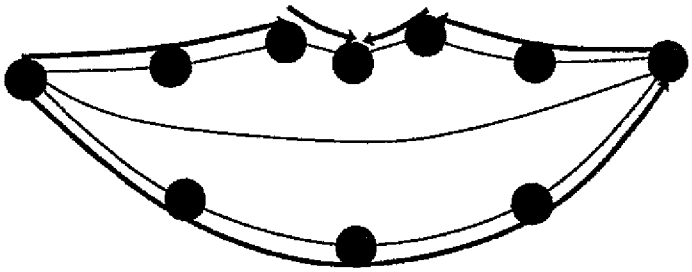

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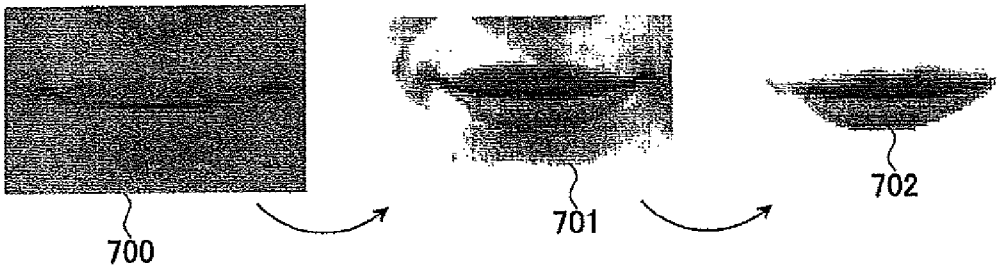

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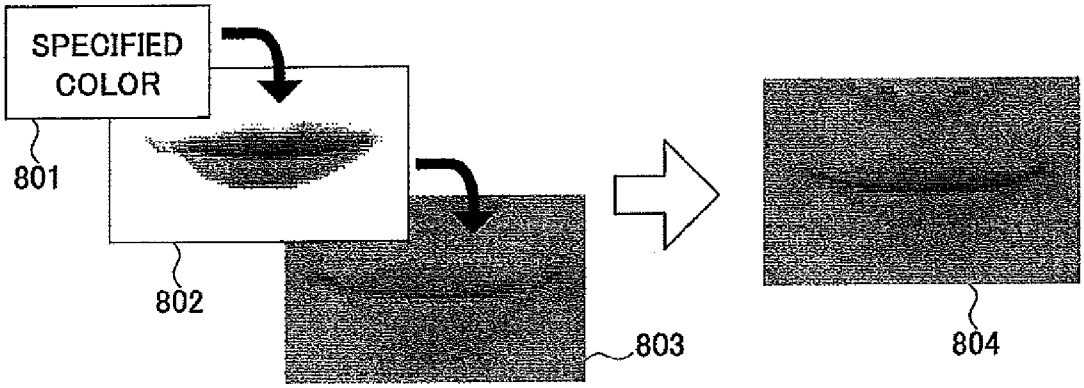

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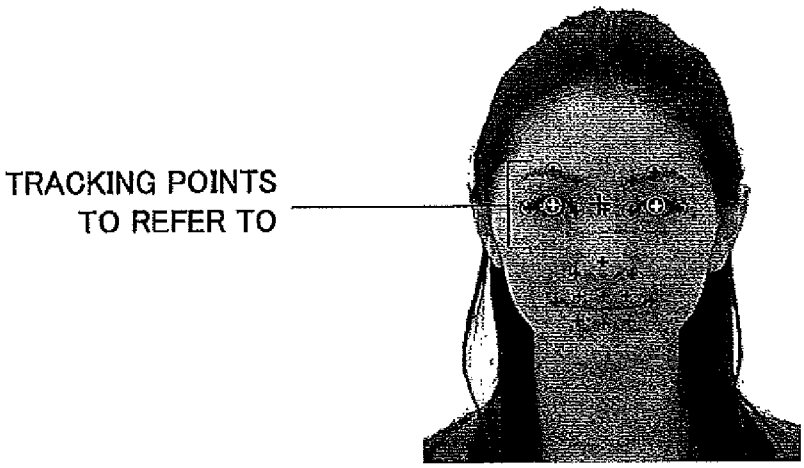

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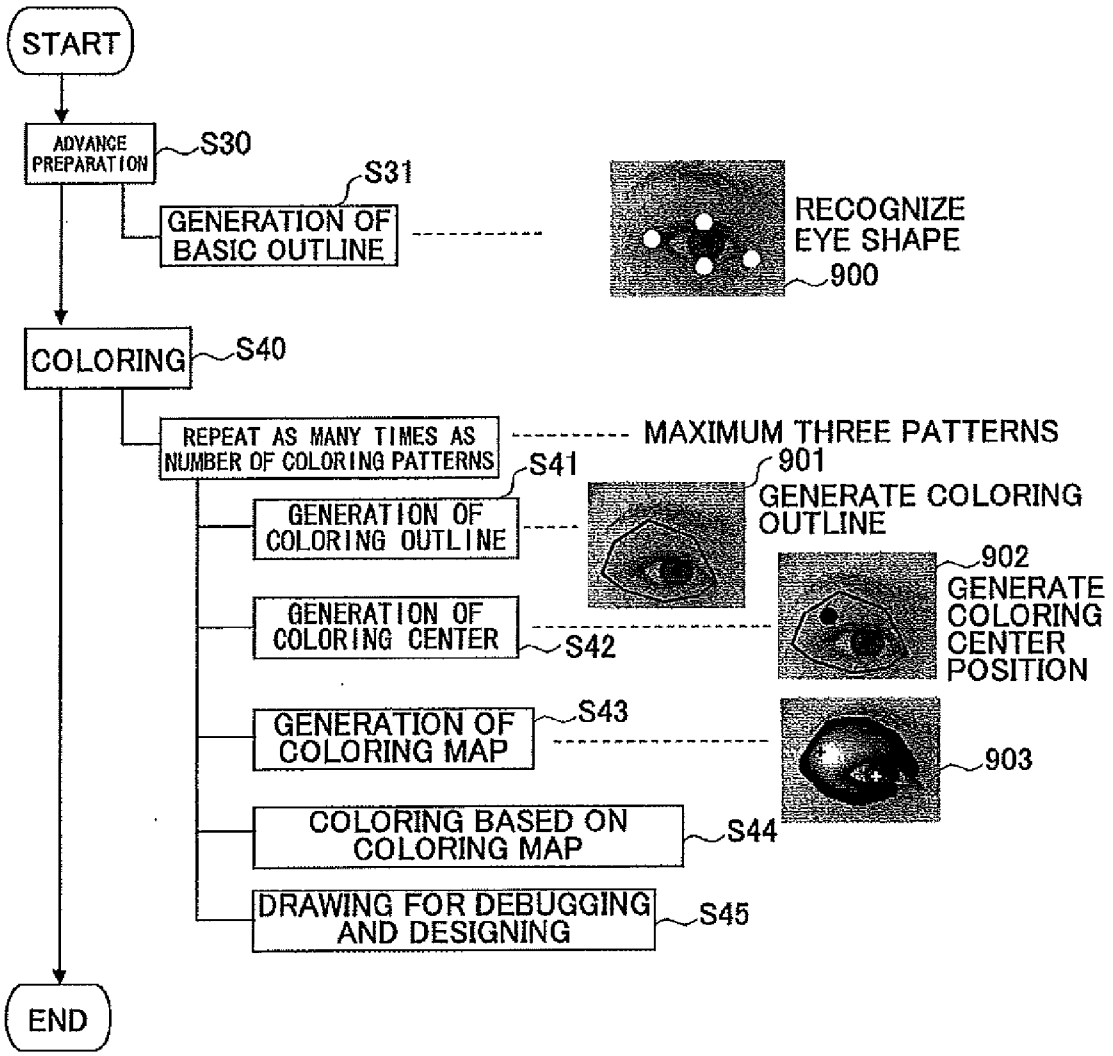
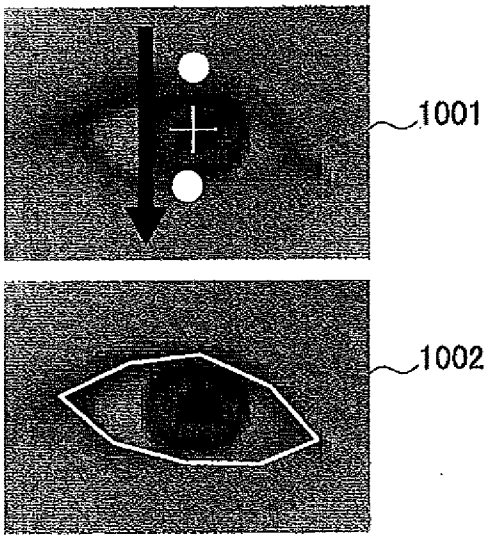

START
ADVANCE PREPARATION
S30
S31
GENERATION OF BASIC OUTLINE
RECOGNIZE EYE SHAPE
900
COLORING
S40
REPEAT AS MANY TIMES AS NUMBER OF COLORING PATTERNS
MAXIMUM THREE PATTERNS
S41
901
GENERATION OF COLORING OUTLINE
GENERATE COLORING OUTLINE
902
GENERATION OF COLORING CENTER
S42
GENERATE COLORING CENTER POSITION
GENERATION OF COLORING MAP
S43
903
COLORING BASED ON COLORING MAP
S44
DRAWING FOR DEBUGGING AND DESIGNING
S45
END

FIG.30



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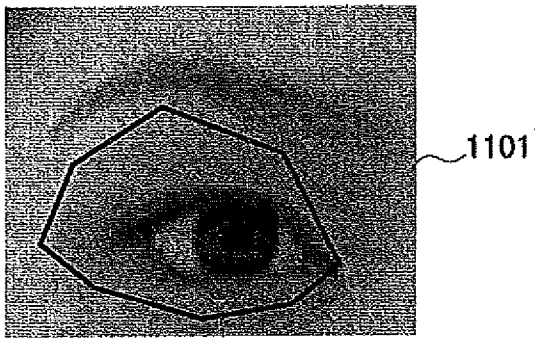

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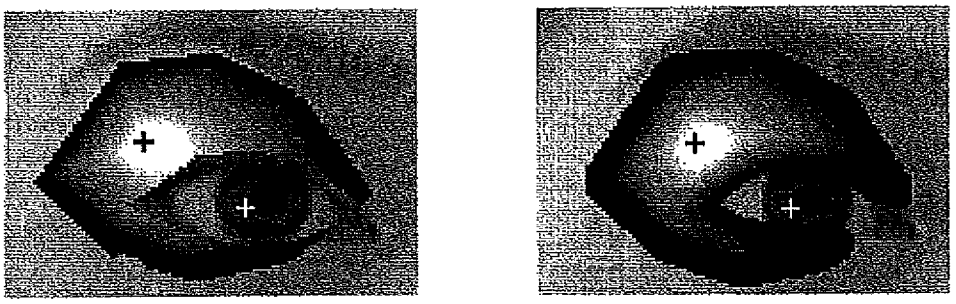

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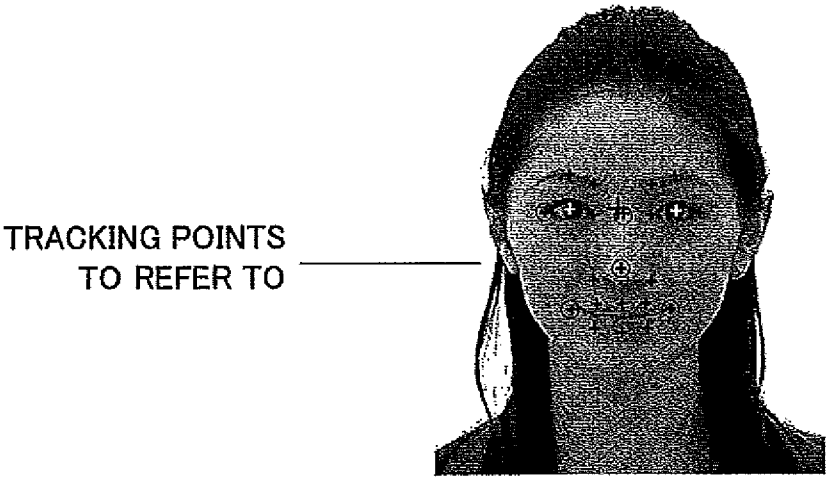
TRACKING POINTS
TO REFER TO

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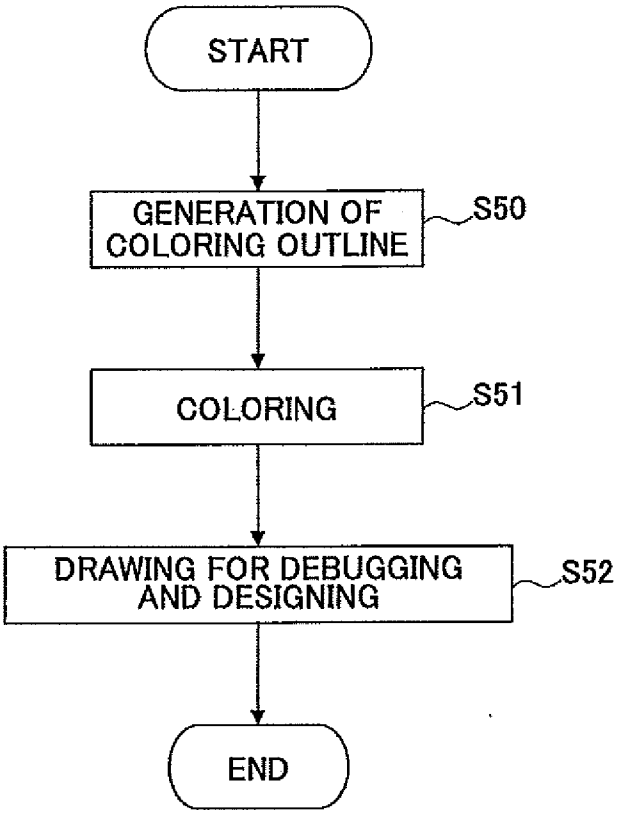
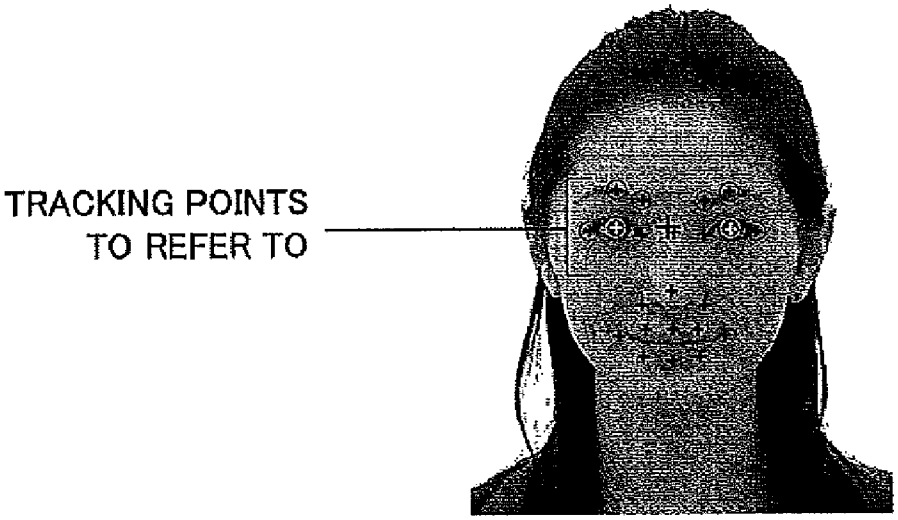

START
GENERATION OF COLORING OUTLINE
S50
COLORING
S51
DRAWING FOR DEBUGGING AND DESIGNING
S52
END

FIG.35

FIG.36



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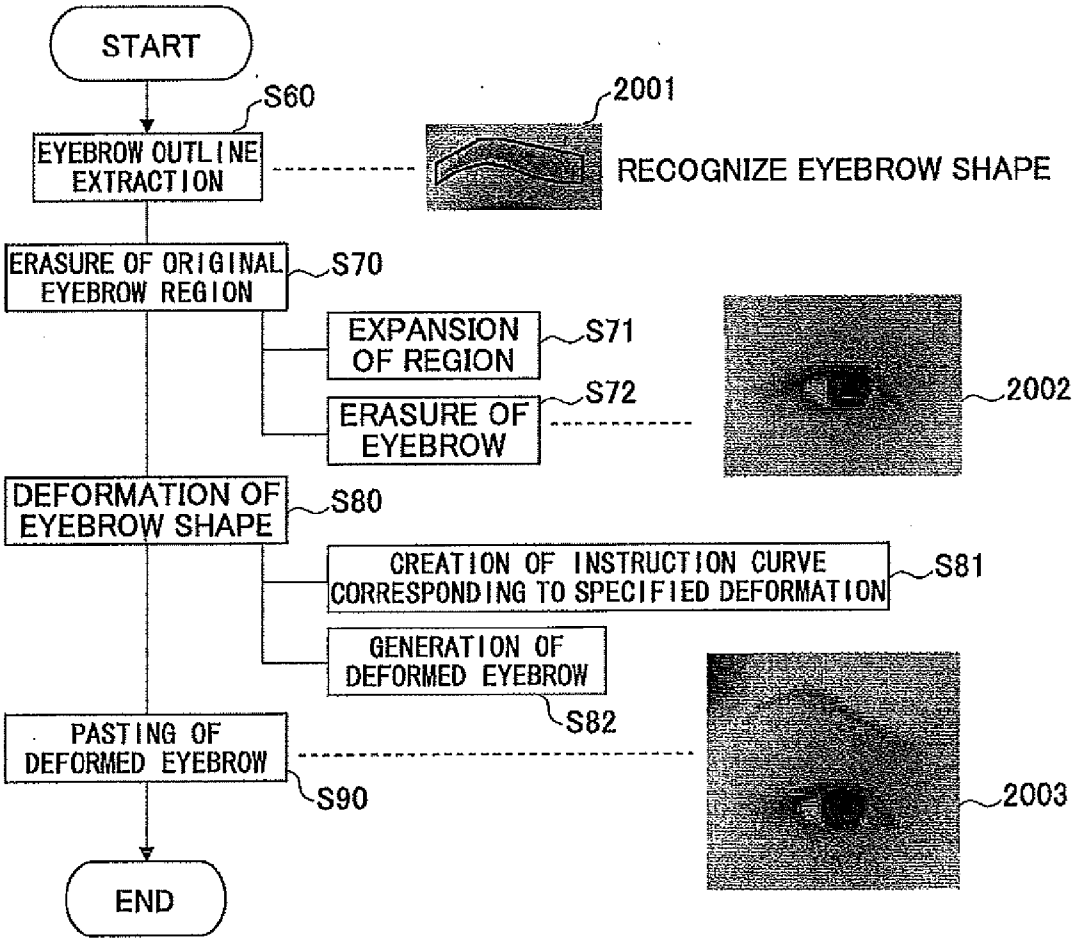

START
S60
EYEBROW OUTLINE EXTRACTION
2001
RECOGNIZE EYEBROW SHAPE
ERASURE OF ORIGINAL EYEBROW REGION
S70
EXPANSION OF REGION
S71
ERASURE OF EYEBROW
S72
2002
DEFORMATION OF EYEBROW SHAPE
S80
CREATION OF INSTRUCTION CURVE CORRESPONDING TO SPECIFIED DEFORMATION
S81
GENERATION OF DEFORMED EYEBROW
S82
PASTING OF DEFORMED EYEBROW
S90
2003
END

FIG.38

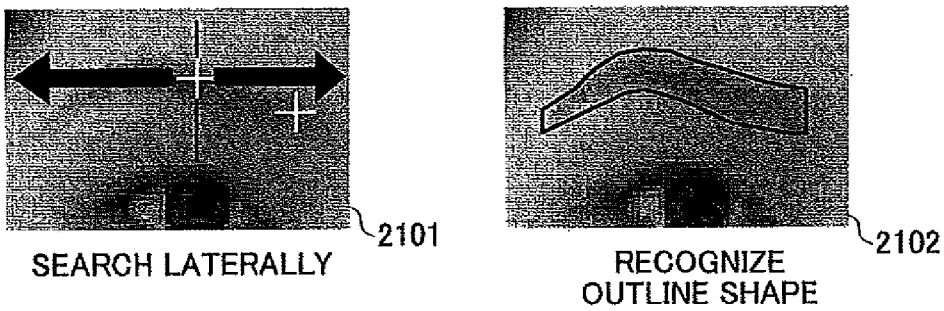

2101
SEARCH LATERALLY
2102
RECOGNIZE OUTLINE SHAPE

FIG.39

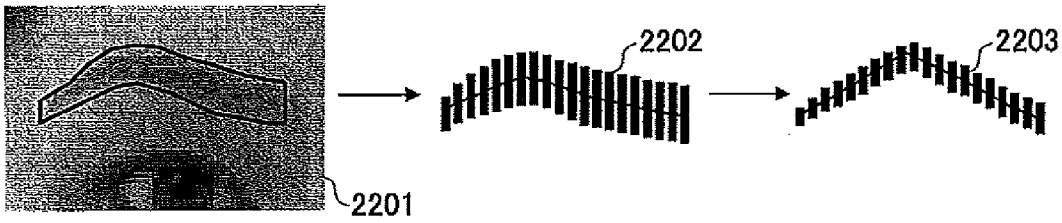


FIG.40

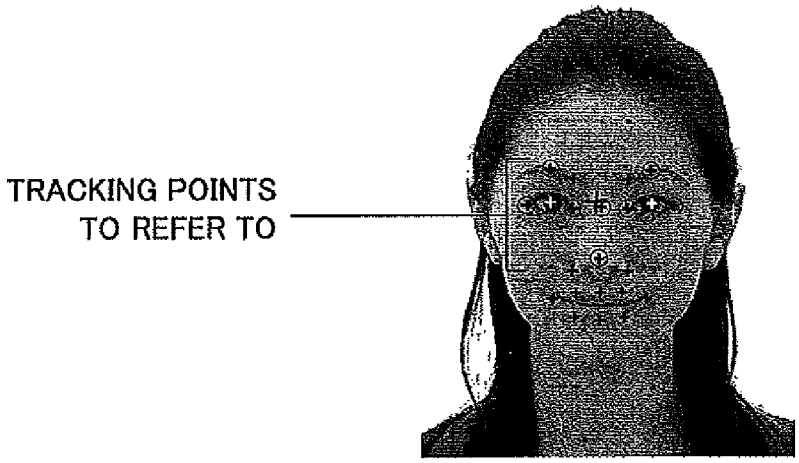


FIG.41

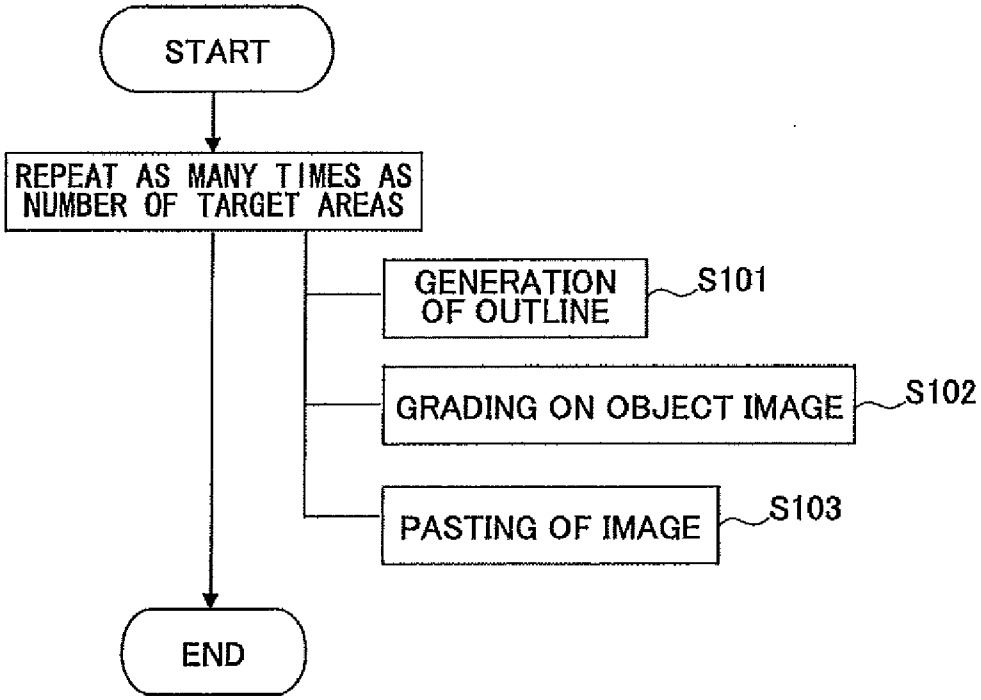

START
REPEAT AS MANY TIMES AS NUMBER OF TARGET AREAS
GENERATION OF OUTLINE
S101
GRADING ON OBJECT IMAGE
S102
PASTING OF IMAGE
S103
END

FIG.42

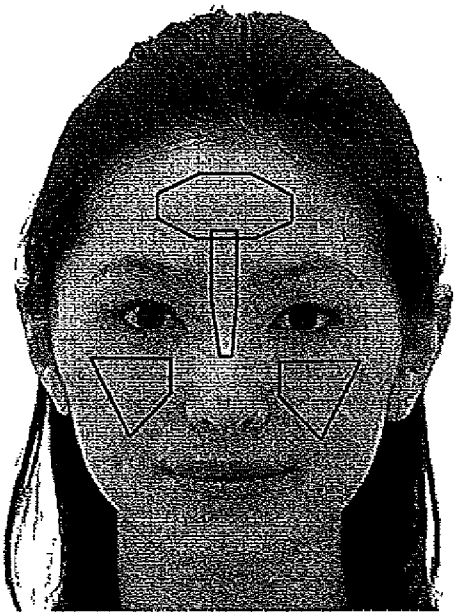
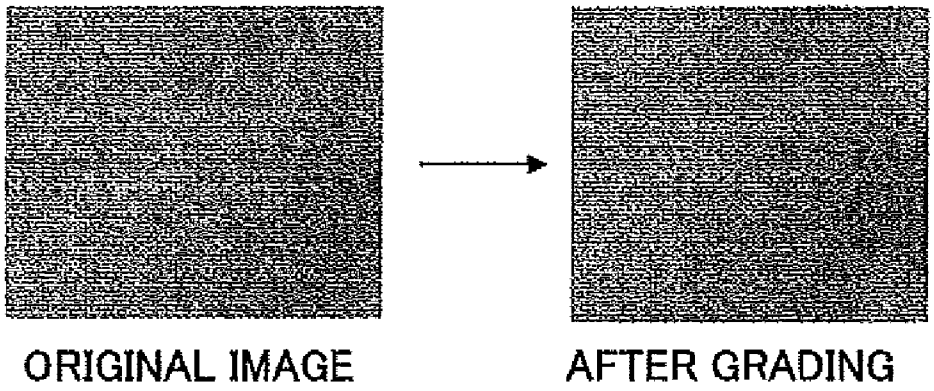


FIG.43



MAKEUP SIMULATION SYSTEM, MAKEUP SIMULATOR, MAKEUP SIMULATION METHOD, AND MAKEUP SIMULATION PROGRAM

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to makeup simulation systems, makeup simulators, makeup simulation methods, and makeup simulation programs, and more particularly to a makeup simulation system, a makeup simulator, a makeup simulation method, and a makeup simulation program for applying makeup on a user's face included in a video.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002] A conventional technique is known that simulates a face with makeup on a computer without actually applying makeup in order to sell commercial products for applying makeup. (See, for example, Patent Document 1.) However, according to Patent Document 1, a simulation result is displayed in a still image, which has made it difficult to check the made-up face reflecting a change in the user's expression. Therefore, the development of a technology that simulates makeup in a video having a change in a user's expression captured thereon has been advanced. (See, for Example, Patent Document 2.)

[0003] However, the makeup simulator described in Patent Document 2 calculates a makeup region to which to apply a face makeup by specifying a change in the user's expression by pixel regions corresponding to the mouth and eyes and tracking the pixel regions with template matching. (See, for example, paragraph [0028].) Tracking a change in the user's expression with the pixel regions corresponding to the mouth and eyes as described above imposes a large processing load on a computer, and thus has the problem of difficulty in accurately responding to cases such as eye closing.

[0004] [Patent Document 1] Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-346627

[0005] [Patent Document 2] Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2003-44837

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

Problems to be Solved by the Invention

[0006] The present invention has been made in view of the above-described points, and has an object of providing a makeup simulation system, a makeup simulator, a makeup simulation method, and a makeup simulation program that make it possible to accurately make up a user's face included in a video with a reduced processing load.

Means for Solving the Problems

[0007] According to the present invention, in order to solve the above-described problems, a makeup simulation system applying makeup to a video having an image of the face of a user captured thereon is characterized by image capturing means for capturing the image of the face of the user and outputting the video, control means for receiving the video output from the image capturing means, performing image processing on the video, and outputting the video; and display means for displaying the video output from the control means, wherein the control means includes face recognition means for recognizing the face of the user from the video based on predetermined tracking points; and makeup processing means for applying a predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points and outputting the video to the display means.

[0008] According to the present invention, by having face recognition means for recognizing the face of a user from a video based on predetermined tracking points and makeup processing means for applying a predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points and outputting the video to display means, it is possible to recognize the face of the user from the video based on the tracking points with a reduced processing load and to apply makeup with accuracy to the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points.

[0009] Methods, apparatuses, systems, computer programs, recording media, and data structures to which elements, representations, or any combination of elements of the present invention is applied are also effective as modes of the present invention.

EFFECTS OF THE INVENTION

[0010] According to the present invention, it is possible to provide a makeup simulation system, a makeup simulator, a makeup simulation method, and a makeup simulation program that make it possible to accurately make up a user's face included in a video with a reduced processing load.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG. **1** is an external view of a first embodiment of a makeup simulator according to the present invention.

[0012] FIG. **2** is a cross-sectional view of the first embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0013] FIG. **3** is an external view of a second embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention.

[0014] FIG. **4** is a cross-sectional view of the second embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0015] FIG. **5** is an external view of a third embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention.

[0016] FIG. **6** is a cross-sectional view of the third embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0017] FIG. **7** is an external view of a fourth embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention.

[0018] FIG. **8** is a cross-sectional view of the fourth embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0019] FIG. **9** is an external view of a fifth embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention.

[0020] FIG. **10** is a cross-sectional view of the fifth embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0021] FIG. **11** is a hardware configuration diagram of the fifth embodiment of the makeup simulator.

[0022] FIG. **12** is a flowchart showing the outline of processing performed by the makeup simulator.

[0023] FIG. **13** is an image diagram of a main screen displayed on a monitor and an operation screen displayed on an operations panel.

[0024] FIG. **14** is an image diagram showing other processing performed by the makeup simulator than makeup simulation.

[0025] FIG. **15** is a system configuration diagram of an embodiment of a makeup simulation system according to the present invention.

[0026] FIG. **16** is a screen image diagram showing processing performed by a simulator main application.

[0027] FIG. **17** is the imaginary image of a user's face included in a pre-makeup image.
[0028] FIG. **18** is an image diagram showing tracking points.
[0029] FIG. **19** is a configuration diagram of a makeup processing parameter file.
[0030] FIG. **20** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by lipstick processing.
[0031] FIG. **21** is a flowchart showing the lipstick processing.
[0032] FIG. **22** is an image diagram showing outline extraction.
[0033] FIG. **23** is a screen comparing the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points of an image for outline extraction **600** and the points of an image for outline extraction **601** re-searched for and extracted based on the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points.
[0034] FIG. **24** is an image diagram showing processing for obtaining default points from the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points.
[0035] FIG. **25** is an image diagram showing the processing of completing an outline from the points or default points.
[0036] FIG. **26** is an image diagram showing coloring map generation.
[0037] FIG. **27** is an image diagram showing coloring based on a coloring map.
[0038] FIG. **28** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by shadow processing.
[0039] FIG. **29** is a flowchart showing the shadow processing.
[0040] FIG. **30** is an image diagram showing basic outline generation.
[0041] FIG. **31** is an image diagram showing coloring outline generation.
[0042] FIG. **32** is an image diagram showing the coloring map without grading and the coloring map with grading.
[0043] FIG. **33** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by cheek processing.
[0044] FIG. **34** is a flowchart showing the cheek processing.
[0045] FIG. **35** is an image diagram showing a coloring outline.
[0046] FIG. **36** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by eyebrow processing.
[0047] FIG. **37** is a flowchart showing the eyebrow processing.
[0048] FIG. **38** is an image diagram showing eyebrow outline extraction.
[0049] FIG. **39** is an image diagram showing creation of an instruction curve corresponding to a specified deformation.
[0050] FIG. **40** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by foundation processing.
[0051] FIG. **41** is a flowchart showing the foundation processing.
[0052] FIG. **42** is an imaginary image showing outlines.
[0053] FIG. **43** is an image diagram showing an original image before grading and the original image after grading.

DESCRIPTION OF REFERENCE NUMERALS

[0054] **1** Makeup simulator
[0055] **2** Camera
[0056] **3** Half mirror
[0057] **4** Operations panel
[0058] **5** Printer
[0059] **6** Light
[0060] **7** Monitor
[0061] **8** Control part
[0062] **9** Transparent plate
[0063] **10** Processor
[0064] **11** Memory unit
[0065] **12** Drive unit
[0066] **13** Secondary storage unit
[0067] **14** Recording medium
[0068] **15** Touch panel monitor
[0069] **16** Display case
[0070] **17** IC tag reader/writer
[0071] **25** Still image system
[0072] **27** Shared memory
[0073] **28** Simulator main application
[0074] **29** Interface application
[0075] **33** Face recognition part
[0076] **34** Tracking points
[0077] **35** Makeup processing part
[0078] **36** Foundation processing part
[0079] **37** Eyebrow processing part
[0080] **38** Shadow processing part
[0081] **39** Lipstick processing part
[0082] **40** Cheek processing part
[0083] **41** Merchandise information

BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0084] Next, a description is given, based on the following embodiments with reference to the drawings, of the best modes for carrying out the present invention. FIG. **1** is an external view of a first embodiment of a makeup simulator according to the present invention. The makeup simulator **1** includes a camera **2**, an operations panel **4**, a printer **5**, lights **6**, and a monitor **7**.
[0085] The camera **2** captures an image of a user standing in front of the makeup simulator **1** and outputs a video. The operations panel **4** displays an operation image and outputs operation information in response to reception of an operation from a user. The printer **5** prints an image (such as an imaginary image with makeup) and information (such as merchandise information for doing makeup like the imaginary image) displayed on the monitor. The lights **6** control light after the start of a makeup simulation, for example.
[0086] FIG. **2** is a cross-sectional view of the first embodiment of the makeup simulator. The makeup simulator **1** includes the camera **2**, the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, the monitor **7**, and a control part **8**.
[0087] The camera **2** outputs a captured video to the control part **8**. The operations panel **4** displays an operation image output from the control part **8**, and outputs operation information to the control part **8** in response to reception of an operation from a user. The printer **5** prints an image and information output from the control **8**. The monitor **7** displays a video (main image) output from the control part **8**. The control part **8** receives a video output from the camera **2**, applies makeup on a user's face included in the video by performing image processing on the video as described below, and outputs the video to the monitor **7**.
[0088] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **1** and FIG. **2**, which is based on a mirror, an item indispensable for makeup, as a concept, has the function of interacting with a user. That is,

the makeup simulator **1** has the characteristic of giving a user a natural feeling as if the user were putting on makeup, looking at a mirror.

[0089] The makeup simulator **1** performs image processing on a video output from the camera **2** in the control part **8**, thereby applying makeup on a user's face included in the image, and displays the video on the monitor **7**, which is a digital mirror. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying various merchandise and cosmetic information items and the imaginary image of a user's face with makeup applied on it on the monitor **7**.

[0090] Further, FIG. **3** is an external view of a second embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention. The same parts as those of FIG. **1** are assigned the same reference numerals.

[0091] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **3** includes the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, the lights **6**, and a transparent plate **9**. The transparent plate **9** transmits light from outside the makeup simulator **1** and transmits light from inside the makeup simulator **1**.

[0092] FIG. **4** is a cross-sectional view of the second embodiment of the makeup simulator. The same parts as those of FIG. **2** are assigned the same reference numerals. The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **4** includes the camera **2**, a half mirror **3**, the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, the monitor **7**, the control part **8**, and the transparent plate **9**.

[0093] The half mirror (semi-transparent mirror) **3** reflects light striking it and allows part of the striking light through it. The camera **2** is provided at a position where the camera **2** can capture an image of a user standing in front of the makeup simulator **1** through the half mirror **3** and the transparent plate **9**. The camera **2** is provided at the level of the user's eyes. The camera **2** captures an image of the user standing in front of the makeup simulator **1** through the half mirror **3** and the transparent plate **9**, and outputs a video.

[0094] The monitor **7** is provided at such a position as to enable a user standing in front of the makeup simulator **1** to view the monitor **7** through the half mirror **3** and the transparent plate **9**. The output light of the monitor **7** is reflected by the half mirror **3** to be output outside the makeup simulator **1** through the transparent plate **9**. Accordingly, the user can view a video displayed on the monitor **7** from outside the makeup simulator **1**.

[0095] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **3** and FIG. **4**, which is based on a mirror, an item indispensable for makeup, as a concept, has the function of interacting with a user. That is, the makeup simulator **1** has the characteristic of giving a user a natural feeling as if the user were putting on makeup, looking at a mirror.

[0096] Since the makeup simulator **1** has the camera **2** provided at the level of a user's eyes, the image of the face of a user standing in front of the makeup simulator **1** can be captured more naturally than by providing the camera **2** at its position in the first embodiment.

[0097] The makeup simulator **1** performs image processing on a video output from the camera **2** in the control part **8**, thereby applying makeup on a user's face included in the image, and displays the video on the monitor **7**, which is a digital mirror. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying various merchandise and cosmetic information items and the imaginary image of a user's face with makeup applied on it on the monitor **7**.

[0098] Further, FIG. **5** is an external view of a third embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention. The same parts as those of the previous drawings are assigned the same reference numerals. The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **5** includes the camera **2**, the half mirror **3**, the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, and the lights **6**.

[0099] The half mirror **3** transmits part (for example, 50%) of light from the bright side and reflects the rest (for example, 50%) of the light from the bright side to the front side. Since there is no light on the dark side, the half mirror **3** neither transmits nor reflects light from the dark side.

[0100] The lights **6** control light after the start of a makeup simulation so as to brighten the monitor **7** side of the half mirror **3**. Accordingly, the half mirror **3** provided on the display direction side of the monitor **7** reflects light from the user side (outside the makeup simulator **1**) to function as a mirror before the start of the makeup simulation.

[0101] After the start of the makeup simulation, the half mirror **3** functions as glass to transmit light from the monitor **7** side (inside the makeup simulator **1**). Accordingly, a user can view a video displayed on the monitor **7** through the half mirror **3**.

[0102] FIG. **6** is a cross-sectional view of the third embodiment of the makeup simulator. The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **6** includes the camera **2**, the half mirror **3**, the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, the monitor **7**, and the control part **8**. The same parts as those of the previous drawings are assigned the same reference numerals. A video displayed on the monitor **7** passes through the half mirror **3** functioning as glass. A user can view the video displayed on the monitor **7** from outside the makeup simulator **1**.

[0103] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **5** and FIG. **6**, which is based on a mirror, an item indispensable for makeup, as a concept, has the function of interacting with a user. That is, the makeup simulator **1** has the characteristic of giving a user a natural feeling as if the user were putting on makeup, looking at a mirror.

[0104] The makeup simulator **1** performs image processing on a video output from the camera **2** in the control part **8**, thereby applying makeup on a user's face included in the image, and displays the video on the monitor **7**, which is a digital mirror. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying various merchandise and cosmetic information items and the imaginary image of a user's face with makeup applied on it on the monitor **7**.

[0105] FIG. **7** is an external view of a fourth embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention. FIG. **8** is a cross-sectional view of the fourth embodiment of the makeup simulator. The same parts as those of the previous drawings are assigned the same reference numerals. The makeup simulator **1** includes the camera **2**, the printer **5**, the lights **6**, and a touch panel monitor **15**.

[0106] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **7** and FIG. **8** is different from the makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **1** and FIG. **2** in including the touch panel monitor **15** in place of the operations panel **4** and the monitor **7**. The touch panel monitor **15** functions as the operations panel **4** and the monitor **7**.

[0107] The touch panel monitor **15** displays an operation image and outputs operation information in response to reception of an operation from a user. The touch panel monitor **15** displays an operation image output from the control part **8** and outputs operation information to the control part **8** in response to reception of an operation from a user. The touch panel monitor **15** displays a video (main image) output from the control part **8**. The control part **8** receives a video output from the camera **2**, applies makeup on a user's face included

in the video by performing image processing on the video as described below, and outputs the video to the touch panel monitor **15**.

[0108] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **7** and FIG. **8**, which is based on a mirror, an item indispensable for makeup, as a concept, has the function of interacting with a user. That is, the makeup simulator **1** has the characteristic of giving a user a natural feeling as if the user were putting on makeup, looking at a mirror.

[0109] The makeup simulator **1** performs image processing on a video output from the camera **2** in the control part **8**, thereby applying makeup on a user's face included in the image, and displays the video on the touch panel monitor **15**, which is a digital mirror. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying various merchandise and cosmetic information items and the imaginary image of a user's face with makeup applied on it on the touch panel monitor **15**.

[0110] The makeup simulator **1** of the fourth embodiment may be provided with, for example, a display case for displaying products for testers to be tried by a user (hereinafter referred to as tester products) as shown in FIG. **9** and FIG. **10** to be used as an enclosure for self-service selling. FIG. **9** is an external view of a fifth embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention. FIG. **10** is a cross-sectional view of the fifth embodiment of the makeup simulator according to the present invention. The same parts as those of the previous drawings are assigned the same reference numerals.

[0111] The makeup simulator **1** includes the camera **2**, the printer **5**, the lights **6**, the touch panel monitor **15**, a display case **16**, and an IC tag reader/writer **17**. The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **9** and FIG. **10** is different from the makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **7** and FIG. **8** in including the display case **16** and the IC tag reader/writer **17**.

[0112] The display case **16** is for exhibiting multiple tester products. The tester products have IC (RFID) tags attached thereto. The IC tags attached to the tester products contain identification information by which the tester products can be identified. A tester product is taken out of the display case **16** and brought close to the IC tag reader/writer **17** by a user, so that the IC tag reader/writer **17** reads the identification information of the tester product from the IC tag.

[0113] The IC tag reader/writer **17** transmits the identification information of a tester product read from the IC tag to the control part **8**. The control part **8** receives a video output from the camera **2** and performs image processing on the video as described below, thereby outputting to the touch panel monitor **15** the imaginary image of a user's face included in the video and made up using the tester product corresponding to the identification information read from the IC tag.

[0114] A correspondence table that correlates tester products with corresponding identification information may be provided in the makeup simulator **1** or in another apparatus from which the makeup simulator **1** can obtain the correspondence table via a network.

[0115] Further, with respect to the makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **9** and FIG. **10**, the case of using an IC tag in order to identify a tester product is shown, but a barcode, two-dimensional code, or label may also be used. Further, the makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **9** and FIG. **10** may have a scheme that enables identification of an extracted tester product (for example, position recognition using a sensor such as an optical sensor) provided in the display case **16** so that the display case **16** sends a notification to the control part **8**.

[0116] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **9** and FIG. **10**, which is based on a mirror, an item indispensable for makeup, as a concept, has the function of interacting with a user. That is, the makeup simulator **1** has the characteristic of giving a user a natural feeling as if the user were putting on makeup, looking at a mirror.

[0117] The makeup simulator **1** performs image processing on a video output from the camera **2** in the control part **8**, and displays the imaginary image of a user's face included in the video and made up using a tester product selected from the display case **16** by the user on the touch panel monitor **15**, which is a digital mirror. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying various merchandise and cosmetic information items and the imaginary image of a user's face with makeup applied on it on the touch panel monitor **15**. The makeup simulator **1** is capable of obtaining data such as a user's preferences by logging the tester product selected from the display case **16** by the user.

[0118] For example, if the makeup simulator **1** is provided with a shelf for displaying not only tester products but also items for sale, the makeup simulator **1** can be used effectively as an enclosure for self-service selling by displaying items for sale displayed on the touch panel monitor **15** on the shelf.

[0119] A description is given below, taking the makeup simulator **1** of the first embodiment as an example. FIG. **11** is a hardware configuration diagram of an embodiment of the makeup simulator. The same parts as those of FIG. **1** and FIG. **2** are assigned the same reference numerals.

[0120] The makeup simulator **1** of FIG. **11** includes the camera **2**, the operations panel **4**, the printer **5**, the monitor **7**, a processor **10**, a memory unit **11**, a drive unit **12**, and a secondary storage unit **13**, which are connected to one another via a bus B. The processor **10**, the memory unit **11**, the drive unit **12**, and the secondary storage unit **13** form the control part **8** of FIG. **2**.

[0121] A makeup simulation program of the present invention is at least part of various programs that control the makeup simulator **1**. The makeup simulation program is provided through distribution of a recording medium **14**, for example.

[0122] Various types of recording media, such as recording media on which information is optically, electrically, or magnetically recorded, such as a CD-ROM, a flexible disk, and a magneto-optical disk, and semiconductor memories on which information is electrically recorded, such as a ROM and a flash memory, are usable as the recording medium **14** on which the makeup simulation program is recorded.

[0123] Further, when the recording medium **14** having the makeup simulation program recorded thereon is loaded into the drive unit **12**, the makeup simulation program is installed in the secondary storage unit **13** from the recording medium **14** through the drive unit **12**. The secondary storage unit **13** stores the installed makeup simulation program and stores necessary files and data. The memory unit **11** reads the makeup simulation program from the secondary storage unit **13** and stores it at the time of a startup. The processor **10** implements processing as described below in accordance with the makeup simulation program contained in the memory unit **11**.

[0124] FIG. **12** is a flowchart of one embodiment, showing the outline of processing performed by the makeup simulator. FIG. **13** is an image diagram of a main screen displayed on the monitor and an operation screen displayed on the operations panel. Screen images **100** through **111** of FIG. **13** are those of

the main screen displayed on the monitor **7**. Screen images **200** through **210** are those of the operation screen displayed on the operations panel **4**.

[0125] The control part **8** is continuously receiving a video captured by the camera **2**. At this point, the control part **8** displays the screen image **100** on the monitor **7** and the screen image **200** on the operations panel **4**. The screen images **100** and **200** show the case of displaying screen savers.

[0126] Proceeding to step S**1**, the control part is continuously determining whether a user's face is included in the received video. The control part **8** repeatedly performs the processing of step S**1** (NO in S**1**) until it recognizes that a user's face is included in the video.

[0127] If the control part **8** recognizes that a user's face is included in the video (YES in S**1**), it proceeds to step S**2** to activate software containing a makeup simulation program for performing a makeup simulation. At this point, the control part **8** displays the screen image **101** on the monitor **7**, and displays the screen image **201** on the operations panel **4**.

[0128] The screen image **101** shows the case of displaying the video of the user's face captured with the camera **2**. The screen image **201** shows the case of displaying a WELCOME message that moves laterally.

[0129] Proceeding to step S**3**, the control part **8** starts a makeup simulation based on the software activated in step S**2**. At this point, the control part **8** displays the screen image **102** on the monitor **7** and displays the screen image **202** on the operations panel **4**. The screen image **102** shows the case of displaying the video of the user's face captured with the camera **2** with a magic mirror-like effect on it. The screen image **202** shows the case of displaying a WELCOME message that moves laterally the same as the screen image **201**.

[0130] Proceeding to step S**4**, the control part **8** performs a makeup simulation as described below. At this point, the control part **8** successively displays the screen images **103** through **106** on the monitor **7** and displays the screen images **203** through **206** on the operations panel **4**.

[0131] The screen images **103** through **106** show the case of displaying the user's face with four makeup patterns (images) applied thereon by the makeup simulation. The screen images **203** through **206** show the case of displaying the contents (for example, names) of the makeup patterns of the screen images **103** through **106** displayed on the monitor **7** then. The control part **8** successively displays the screen images **103** through **106** on the monitor **7** and displays the screen images **203** through **206** on the operations panel **4** until a predetermined period of time passes or the user touches the operations panel **4**.

[0132] If a predetermined period of time passes or the user touches the operations panel **4**, the control part **8** proceeds to step S**5** to display the screen image **107** on the monitor **7** and display the screen image **207** on the operations panel **4**. Like the screen image **101**, the screen image **107** shows the case of displaying the video of the user's face captured with the camera **2**. The screen image **207** shows the case of displaying an image selection screen where one image is selectable from the four makeup patterns (images). The user can select one image from the image selection screen by operating the operations panel **4**.

[0133] Proceeding to step S**6**, the control part **8** repeatedly performs the processing of step S**6** (NO in S**6**) until one image is selected from the image selection screen. If the user selects one image from the image selection screen, the operations panel **4** outputs operation information to the control part **8** in response to reception of the operation from the user.

[0134] If the control part **8** determines that the user has selected one image from the image selection screen (YES in S**6**), the control part **8** proceeds to step S**7** to display the image screen of the selected image on the monitor **7** and the operations panel **4**. At this point, the control part **8** displays the screen image **108** on the monitor **7** and displays the screen image **208** on the operations panel **4**.

[0135] The screen image **108** shows the case of successively displaying the imaginary image of the made-up user's face with different color patterns applied thereon and merchandise information for doing makeup like the imaginary image based on the one image selected from the image selection screen. The screen image **208** shows the case of displaying the contents of the one image selected from the image selection screen and merchandise information for doing makeup like the imaginary image of the screen image **108** displayed on the monitor **7** at that point.

[0136] The user can also give an instruction for printing out by operating the operations panel **4**. In response to reception of a PRINT OUT instruction from the user, the control part **8** displays the screen image **109** on the monitor **7** and displays the screen image **209** on the operations panel **4**. The screen image **109** shows the case of displaying an imaginary image to be printed out. The screen image **209** shows the case of displaying a comment of NOW PRINTING. The control part **8** controls the printer **5** to print out the imaginary image displayed on the monitor **7**.

[0137] Further, the user can also give an instruction to display and print out a comparison screen including imaginary images before and after makeup by operating the operations panel **4**. In response to reception of an instruction to display the comparison screen from the user, the control part **8** displays the screen image **110** on the monitor **7**. The screen image **110** shows the case of displaying the comparison screen including imaginary images before and after makeup. In response to reception of a PRINT OUT instruction from the user while displaying the comparison screen, the control part **8** controls the printer **5** to print out the comparison screen displayed on the monitor **7**.

[0138] When the makeup simulation by the user ends, the control part **8** displays the screen images **111** and **210**, which are screen savers, on the monitor **7** and the operations panel **4**, and ends the processing.

[0139] In the case of FIG. **12** and FIG. **13**, four images are displayed by the makeup simulation. However, images other than the four may be displayed. Further, the case of applying makeup on a user's face included in a video output from the camera **2** is shown, but the makeup simulator **1** may store a precaptured video in the secondary storage unit **13** as a video file and apply makeup on a user's face included in the video file.

[0140] The makeup simulator **1** is also capable of using a video output from the camera **2** for other than a makeup simulation. FIG. **14** is an image diagram showing processing performed by the makeup simulator other than makeup simulation.

[0141] A screen image **300** shows the case of displaying the video of a user's face captured with the camera **2**. The makeup simulator **1** recognizes the user's face included in the video, and cuts out a still image **301** of the user's face.

[0142] The makeup simulator **1** is capable of making a features diagnosis and a skin color diagnosis on the still image

301 based on a features analysis logic and a skin analysis logic and displaying a screen image **302** showing their results on the monitor **7**. Making a features diagnosis and a skin color diagnosis on the still image **301** based on a features analysis logic and a skin analysis logic is a known technique described in, for example, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-346627.

[0143] Further, the makeup simulator **1** is capable of displaying a course selection screen **303** like a screen image **303** on the monitor **7** and causing a user to select a course (for example, TREND, BASIC, or FREE). The makeup simulator **1** displays screen images **304** through **309** based on the course selected by the user on the monitor **7**, and performs a simulation and give advice.

[0144] The screen images **304** through **306** show the case of displaying the respective simulation screens of the courses. The screen images **307** through **309** show the case of displaying the respective advice screens of the courses.

[0145] For example, the BASIC course simulates and advises on an optimum makeup technique based on the results of the features diagnosis and the skin color diagnosis. Further, the TREND course simulates and advises on a makeup of the latest trend. Further, the FREE MAKEUP course simulates and advises on items corresponding to the individual parts of the eyes, mouth, cheeks, and eyebrows.

[0146] The control part **8** is also capable of controlling the printer **5** to print out a simulation screen or an advice screen displayed on the monitor **7** in response to a PRINT OUT instruction from a user while displaying the simulation screen or the advice screen.

[0147] Next, a description is given of the details of a makeup simulation system for implementing the makeup simulator as described above. FIG. **15** is a system configuration diagram of an embodiment of a makeup simulation system according to the present invention.

[0148] A makeup simulation system **20** of FIG. **15** includes an analog camera **21**, a USB capture device **22**, a video file **23**, a makeup camera **24**, a still image system **25**, a video file **26**, a shared memory **27**, a simulator main application **28**, and an interface application **29**.

[0149] The analog camera **21** outputs, for example, a captured NTSC video through the USB capture device **22**. The video output from the USB capture device **22** is input to the simulator main application **28** using a DirectX **31** as an example API (application programming interface), for example. Further, the video file **23** is also input to the simulator main application **28** using the DirectX **31**. The makeup camera **24** outputs a captured video through IEEE 1394 as an example serial interface. The video output from the makeup camera **24** is input to the simulator main application **28** using a dedicated API **32**. The simulator main application **28** obtains an original image of a resolution for videos and a still image of a resolution for still images from the video input using the dedicated API **32**.

[0150] The simulator main application **28** employs the video and the video file **23** input using the DirectX **31** and the video of the resolution for videos obtained from the video input using the dedicated API **32** as an original image, and trims and reduces the original image.

[0151] The simulator main application **28** obtains a pre-makeup image by trimming the original image. Further, the simulator main application **28** obtains an image for face recognition by reducing the original image. A face recognition part **33** obtains tracking points **34** for recognizing a user's face as described below from the image for face recognition by FFT (fast Fourier transform).

[0152] A makeup processing part **35** obtains a post-makeup image by applying a makeup formed of foundation, eyebrow, shadow, lipstick, and cheek on the user's face included in the pre-makeup image based on the tracking points **34**. The makeup processing part **35** includes a foundation processing part **36**, an eyebrow processing part **37**, a shadow processing part **38**, a lipstick processing part **39**, and a cheek processing part **40**.

[0153] The makeup processing part **35** is capable of including merchandise information **41** for doing makeup like the post-makeup image in the post-makeup image. A video server **42** is capable of writing the pre-makeup image and the post-makeup image into the shared memory **27** and also outputting the pre-makeup image and the post-makeup image as the video file **26**.

[0154] The interface application **29** includes a video control object **52**, a video display object **53**, and other controllers **54** that use an ActiveX controller **50** and an ActiveX viewer **51**. The interface application **29** and the simulator main application **28** are linked through ActiveX and Socket.

[0155] The interface application **29** is capable of displaying the pre-makeup image and the post-makeup image written into the shared memory **27** on the above-described monitor **7** using the ActiveX viewer **51**.

[0156] The simulator main application **28** trims and reduces the still image of the resolution for still images obtained from the video input using the dedicated API **32**. The simulator main application **28** trims the still image of the resolution for still images. Further, the simulator main application **28** reduces the still image of the resolution for still images, thereby obtaining an image for face recognition. A face recognition part **43** obtains tracking points **44** as described below for recognizing the user's face from the image for face recognition.

[0157] The simulator main application **28** extracts specific regions from the user's face included in the trimmed video based on the tracking points **44**, obtains additional information to be used for a features diagnosis and a skin color diagnosis, such as a type and a skin color, from the specific regions, and outputs tracking points **45**, which are the tracking points **44** plus the additional information, and the still image of the resolution for still images obtained from the video input using the dedicated API **32** to the still image system **25**.

[0158] The still image system **25** is capable of making a features diagnosis and a skin color diagnosis on the still image **301** based on the above-described features analysis logic and skin analysis logic using the tracking points **45** and displaying the screen image **302** showing their results on the monitor **7**. In addition, the still image system **25** is also capable of displaying the screen images **303** through **309** on the monitor **7**.

[0159] FIG. **16** is a screen image diagram showing processing performed by the simulator main application. A screen image **400** shows the case of displaying a pre-makeup image. The screen image **401** shows the case of displaying the tracking points **34** obtained from the image for face recognition over the pre makeup image. Further, the screen image **402** shows the case of displaying a post-makeup image where a makeup is applied on the user's face included in the pre-makeup image based on the tracking points **34**.

[0160] Of the processing performed by the simulator main application **28**, face recognition and makeup processing are described in order below in detail with reference to the drawings. In this embodiment, a description is given of makeup processing composed of foundation processing, eyebrow processing, shadow processing, lipstick processing, and cheek processing as an example of the makeup processing. However, the combination may be different.

[0161] [Face Recognition]

[0162] FIG. **17** is the imaginary image of a user's face included in a pre-makeup image. FIG. **18** is an image diagram showing tracking points. The face recognition part **33** of the simulator main application **28** obtains **45** tracking points **34** for recognizing a user's face as in FIG. **18** from an imaginary image like FIG. **17**. The tracking points **34** of FIG. **18** are an example, and may be adjusted in accordance with the processing capability of the control part **8** or the definition of the monitor **7**.

[0163] By thus obtaining the tracking points **34** from a user's face included in the pre-makeup image, the makeup processing part **35** can set how to apply makeup and color in correlation with the tracking points **34** in a makeup processing parameter file as in FIG. **19**.

[0164] FIG. **19** is a configuration diagram of a makeup processing parameter file. In the makeup processing parameter file of FIG. **19**, how to apply makeup and color are set in correlation with the tracking points **34** with respect to each of the eyes, mouth, and cheeks. The makeup processing parameter file is determined for each makeup pattern (image). The makeup processing parameter file of FIG. **19** shows the case of CLASS ELEGANCE.

[0165] [Lipstick Processing]

[0166] The lipstick processing part **39** included in the simulator main application **28** performs lipstick processing, referring to the tracking points **34**, eight on the lips and three on the nose, as shown in FIG. **20**. FIG. **20** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by the lipstick processing.

[0167] FIG. **21** is a flowchart showing the lipstick processing. Broadly speaking, the lipstick processing includes the advance preparation of step S**10** and the coloring of step S**20**. The advance preparation includes the cutting out and rotation of step S**11**, the creation of an image for outline extraction of step S**12**, the outline extraction of step S**13**, the spline curve generation of FIG. **14**, the return rotation of step S**15**, and the coloring map generation of step S**16**. The coloring includes the coloring-map-based coloring of step S**21** and the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**22**.

[0168] Proceeding to the cutting out and rotation of step S**11**, the lipstick processing part **39** cuts out a partial image **500** containing the lips of the user's face from the image for face recognition, and obtains a partial image **501** by rotating the partial image **500** to a position for processing.

[0169] Proceeding to the creation of an Image for outline extraction of step S**12**, the lipstick processing part **39** creates an image for outline extraction from the partial image **501**. Proceeding to the outline extraction of step S**13**, the lipstick processing part **39** extracts the outline of the lips from the image for outline extraction as points as shown in a partial image **502**.

[0170] FIG. **22** is an image diagram showing the outline extraction. Eight tracking points and three tracking points are displayed over the lips and the nose, respectively, in an image for outline extraction **600**. The lipstick processing part **39** conducts another search based on the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points, and extracts the points of an image for outline extraction **601**.

[0171] FIG. **23** is a screen comparing the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points of the image for outline extraction **600** and the points of the image for outline extraction **601** re-searched for and extracted based on the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points. If the above-described re-searching ends unsatisfactorily, the default points calculated from the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points of the image for outline extraction **600** as in FIG. **24** are employed.

[0172] FIG. **24** is an image diagram showing processing for obtaining default points from the eight lip tracking points and the three nose tracking points. The lipstick processing part **39** refers to the three nose tracking points, and determines default points with respect to the five points of the upper lip.

[0173] Proceeding to the spline curve generation of step S**14**, the lipstick processing part **39** interpolates the points of the image for outline extraction **601** or the default points as in FIG. **24** with quadratic splines, thereby completing the outline as shown in FIG. **25**. FIG. **25** is an image diagram showing the processing of completing the outline from the points or default points. When the outline of the lips is completed like a partial image **503**, the lipstick processing part **39** proceeds to step S**15** and performs return rotation to reverse the rotation performed in the cutting out and rotation of step S**11**.

[0174] Proceeding to the coloring map generation of step S**16**, the lipstick processing part **39** generates a coloring map determining the strength of coloring from the lightness and saturation of a partial image **700**. FIG. **26** is an image diagram showing the coloring map generation. Specifically, the lipstick processing part **39** generates a gray scale image **701** that shows the strength of coloring from the lightness and saturation. The lipstick processing part **39** cuts out only a partial image **702** surrounded by the outline of the lips completed in the spline curve generation of step S**14** from the gray scale image **701** as a coloring map **504**.

[0175] Proceeding to the coloring-map-based coloring of step S**21**, the lipstick part **39** applies color to a pre-makeup image based on the coloring map **504** generated in the coloring map generation of step S**16** and on how to apply makeup and a specified color set in a makeup processing parameter file like FIG. **19**.

[0176] FIG. **27** is an image diagram showing the coloring based on the coloring map. The lipstick processing part **39** applies color to a pre-makeup image **803** based on how to apply makeup and a specified color set in a makeup processing parameter file **801** like FIG. **19** and on a coloring map **802** generated in the coloring map generation of step S**16**, thereby obtaining a post-makeup image **804**.

[0177] Then, proceeding to the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**22**, the lipstick processing part **39** performs drawing for debugging and designing, and thereafter ends the lipstick processing.

[0178] [Shadow Processing]

[0179] The shadow processing part **38** included in the simulator main application **28** performs shadow processing, referring to the tracking points **34**, three on the eye and one on the eyebrow, for each of the right side and the left side as shown in FIG. **28**. FIG. **28** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by the shadow processing.

[0180] FIG. **29** is a flowchart showing the shadow processing. Broadly speaking, the shadow processing includes the

advance preparation of step S**30** and the coloring of step S**40**. The advance preparation includes the basic outline generation of step S**31**.

[0181] The coloring includes the coloring outline generation of step S**41**, the coloring center generation of step S**42**, the coloring map generation of step S**43**, the coloring-map-based coloring of step S**44**, and the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**45**, which are repeated as many times as the number of coloring patterns.

[0182] Proceeding to the basic outline generation of step S**31**, the shadow processing part **38** obtains the shape of an eye of the user's face like a partial image **900** from the image for face recognition. FIG. **30** is an image diagram showing the basic outline generation.

[0183] The shadow processing part **38** searches upward and downward from the center of the eye and recognizes two points of the outline of the eye (upper-side boundary and lower-side boundary) as shown in a partial image **1001** in order to generate an outline to serve as the base of a coloring outline. The shadow processing part **38** adds four points generated by spline interpolation to the four points: the two recognized points of the eye outline, the outer corner of the eye, and the inner corner of the eye, and generates a polygon by the total of eight points like a partial image **1002**.

[0184] Proceeding to the coloring outline generation of step S**41**, the shadow processing part **38** generates a coloring outline like a partial image **901**. FIG. **31** is an image diagram showing the coloring outline generation. The shadow processing part **38** generates a coloring outline based on the outer corner and the inner corner of the eye as shown in a partial image **1101** in order to generate the coloring outline. Parameters may be specified with a GUI for extending the outline or shifting vertexes.

[0185] Proceeding to the coloring center generation of step S**42**, the shadow processing part **38** generates the center position of coloring like "●" in a partial image **902**. Proceeding to the coloring map generation of step S**43**, the shadow processing part **38** generates a coloring map determining the strength of coloring like a partial image **903**.

[0186] Specifically, the coloring map generation determines the strength of application in correspondence to the distances from the coloring center to the sides of the polygon. For example, the shadow processing part **38** determines the coloring map so that the strength of application is reduced toward the sides. The coloring map generation is performed on the part between the coloring outline and the basic outline.

[0187] The shadow processing part **38** generates a smoother gradation by performing grading on the generated coloring map as shown in FIG. **32**. FIG. **32** is an image diagram showing the coloring map without grading and the coloring map with grading.

[0188] Proceeding to the coloring-map-based coloring of step S**44**, the shadow processing part **38** obtains a post-makeup image by coloring a pre makeup image based on the coloring map **903** generated in the coloring map generation of step S**43** and on how to apply makeup and specified colors set in a makeup processing parameter file like FIG. **19**.

[0189] Then, proceeding to the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**45**, the shadow processing part **38** performs drawing for debugging and designing, and thereafter ends the shadow processing. The shadow processing part **38** is capable of implementing a multi-color application by repeating the processing of steps S**41** through S**45** as many times as the number of coloring patterns.

[0190] [Cheek Processing]

[0191] The cheek processing part **40** included in the simulator main application **28** performs cheek processing, referring to the tracking points **34** on the outer eye corner and the mouth corner (of each of the right side and the left side) and between the eyes and at the center of the nose (for stabilization) as shown in FIG. **33**. FIG. **33** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by the cheek processing.

[0192] FIG. **34** is a flowchart showing the cheek processing. The cheek processing includes the coloring outline generation of step S**50**, the coloring of step S**51**, and the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**52**.

[0193] Proceeding to the coloring outline generation of step S**50**, the cheek processing part **40** generates an outline polygon as a coloring outline based on the outer eye corner and the mouth corner in order to generate the coloring outline. FIG. **35** is an image diagram showing the coloring outline. The number of points, size, shape, or position of the outline polygon may be specified by parameters with a GUI.

[0194] Proceeding to the coloring of step S**51**, the cheek processing part **40** determines the strength of application in correspondence to the distances from the coloring center to the sides of the outline polygon. If the determination of application strength requires too much processing cost, the strength of application may be determined by reducing (thinning out in a mosaic-like manner) resolution (parameters specified with a GUI). The cheek processing part **40** obtains a post-makeup image by coloring a pre-makeup image based on the determined strength of application and on how to apply makeup and specified colors set in a makeup processing parameter file like FIG. **19**.

[0195] Then, proceeding to the drawing for debugging and designing of step S**52**, the cheek processing part **40** performs drawing for debugging and designing, and thereafter ends the cheek processing.

[0196] [Eyebrow Processing]

[0197] The eyebrow processing part **37** included in the simulator main application **28** performs eyebrow processing, referring to the tracking points **34**, one on the outer eye corner, one on the eye center, and two on the eyebrow, for each of the right side and the left side as shown in FIG. **36**. FIG. **36** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by the eyebrow processing.

[0198] FIG. **37** is a flowchart showing the eyebrow processing. Broadly speaking, the eyebrow processing includes the eyebrow outline extraction of step S**60**, the original eyebrow region erasure of step S**70**, the eyebrow shape deformation of step S**80**, and the deformed eyebrow pasting of step S**90**.

[0199] The original eyebrow region erasure includes the region expansion of step S**71** and the eyebrow erasure of step S**72**. The eyebrow shape deformation includes the creation of an instruction curve corresponding to a specified deformation of step S**81** and the deformed eyebrow generation of step S**82**.

[0200] Proceeding to the eyebrow outline extraction of step S**60**, the eyebrow processing part **37** obtains the shape of an eyebrow of the user's face like a partial image **2001** from the image for face recognition. FIG. **38** is an image diagram showing the eyebrow outline extraction. The eyebrow processing part **37** searches the eyebrow rightward and leftward from the outer eyebrow end (around the center of the eyebrow in practice) as shown in a partial image **2101** in order to extract the outline of the eyebrow. The eyebrow processing

part **37** recognizes the outline shape of the eyebrow from the search result as shown in a partial image **2102**.

[0201] Proceeding to the region expansion of step S**71**, the eyebrow processing part **37** expands a region showing the recognized outline shape of the eyebrow. Proceeding to the eyebrow erasure of step S**72**, the eyebrow processing part **37** erases the eyebrow by filling in the expanded region with a nearby skin color. Further, the eyebrow processing part **37** performs blending on the boundary part of the expanded region.

[0202] Proceeding to the creation of an instruction curve corresponding to a specified deformation of step S**81**, the eyebrow processing part **37** deforms the region (skeleton) showing the recognized outline shape of the eyebrow as specified. FIG. **39** is an image diagram showing the creation of an instruction curve corresponding to a specified deformation.

[0203] By replacing the region showing the recognized outline shape of the eyebrow as shown in a partial image **2201** with a skeleton **2202** composed of a lateral axis and multiple vertical strips and changing the shape of the axis and the height of the strips, the eyebrow processing part **37** can deform the region showing the recognized outline shape of the eyebrow like, for example, a skeleton **2203**.

[0204] Proceeding to the deformed eyebrow generation of step S**82**, the eyebrow processing part **37** generates a deformed eyebrow from the skeleton **2203**. Proceeding to the deformed eyebrow pasting of step S**90**, the eyebrow processing part **37** obtains a post-makeup image by pasting the deformed eyebrow to a pre-makeup image.

[0205] [Foundation Processing]

[0206] The foundation processing part **36** included in the simulator main application **28** performs foundation processing, referring to the tracking points **34**, one on each of the outer eye corner, the inner eye corner, and the eyebrow on each of the right side and the left side, and between the eyes and at the center of the nose, as shown in FIG. **40**. FIG. **40** is an image diagram showing the tracking points referred to by the foundation processing.

[0207] FIG. **41** is a flowchart showing the foundation processing. The foundation processing includes the outline generation of step S**101**, the grading on an object image of step S**102**, and the image pasting of step S**103**. The processing of steps S**101** through S**103** is repeated as many times as the number of target regions.

[0208] Proceeding to the outline generation of step S**101**, the foundation processing part **36** generates the outlines of three kinds (four parts) of the forehead, nose, and cheeks (right and left) as shown in the imaginary image of FIG. **42**. FIG. **42** is an imaginary image showing the outlines. The size and position of each outline may be specified by parameters with a GUI.

[0209] Proceeding to the grading on an object image of step S**102**, the foundation processing part **36** performs grading on object images corresponding to the generated outlines as FIG. **43**. FIG. **43** is an image diagram showing an original image before grading and the original image after grading. By performing grading on an object image, the foundation processing part **36** can smooth minute skin roughness.

[0210] Proceeding to the image pasting of step S**103**, the foundation processing part **36** obtains a post-makeup image by pasting the object images after grading to the outlines of three types (four parts) of the forehead, nose, and cheeks (right and left) of a pre-makeup image.

[0211] Thus, according to the present invention, it is possible to accurately apply makeup to a user's face included in a video with a reduced processing load. Image capturing means described in CLAIMS corresponds to the camera **2**, control means corresponds to the control part **8**, display means corresponds to the monitor **7**, face recognition means corresponds to the face recognition part **33**, makeup processing means corresponds to the makeup processing part **35**, operation means corresponds to the operations panel **4**, half mirror means corresponds to the half mirror **3**, and printing means corresponds to the printer **5**.

[0212] Further, the present invention is not limited to the specifically disclosed embodiments, and variations and modifications may be made without departing from CLAIMS.

[0213] Unlike those based on still images or the conventional makeup simulator **1**, the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention, which performs a real-time simulation, is capable of instantaneously recognizing tracking points of a face and performing simulation based on the tracking points. Therefore, the makeup simulator **1** enables the following that have not been possible so far.

[0214] The makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of a real-time simulation. The makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of simulation not only from a full face as conventionally but also from a face in profile. Accordingly, it is easy to view the simulation effect or technique of blusher or the like.

[0215] The makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of not only the conventional two-dimensional representation but also analyzing a face as a three-dimensional shape and representing solidity and texture.

[0216] Further, since the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of recognizing multiple faces at the same time, the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of performing simulation for multiple persons at the same time. Since the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention has an excellent face recognition function, the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of automatically performing classification according to individual features or performing classification into men and women, and doing makeup suited to features or classification. For example, the makeup simulator **1** of the present invention is capable of simultaneously performing respective makeup simulations for a couple.

[0217] The present international application claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-9268, filed on Jan. 17, 2006, the entire contents of which are incorporated into the present international application.

1. A makeup simulation system applying makeup to a video having an image of a face of a user captured thereon, characterized by:

image capturing means for capturing the image of the face of the user and outputting the video;

control means for receiving the video output from the image capturing means, performing image processing on the video, and outputting the video; and

display means for displaying the video output from the control means,

wherein the control means includes

face recognition means for recognizing the face of the user from the video based on predetermined tracking points; and

makeup processing means for applying a predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points and outputting the video to the display means.

2. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **1**, characterized in that the makeup processing means comprises at least one of:

foundation processing means for performing foundation processing on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points;

lipstick processing means for performing lipstick processing on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points;

eyebrow processing means for performing eyebrow processing on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points;

cheek processing means for performing cheek processing on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points; and

shadow processing means for performing shadow processing on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points.

3. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **1**, characterized in that the makeup processing means generates an outline for applying the predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points, and performs coloring based on the outline.

4. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **1**, characterized in that the makeup processing means successively applies a plurality of types of makeup on the face of the user included in the video at predetermined times, and outputs an imaginary image with the makeup to the display means.

5. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **4**, further characterized by:

storing means for storing merchandise information for applying makeup like the imaginary image for each of the types of the makeup,

wherein the makeup processing means obtains the merchandise information for applying makeup like the imaginary image from the storing means, and outputs the merchandise information to the display means.

6. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **1**, characterized in that the makeup processing means outputs a comparison screen including imaginary images of the face of the user included in the video before and after the makeup to the display means.

7. The makeup simulation system as claimed in claim **1**, further characterized by:

reading means for reading identification information of an article selected by the user; and

correlation means for correlating the article and the identification information,

wherein the makeup processing means identifies the article corresponding to the identification information read from the reading means based on the correlation means, and outputs to the display means an imaginary image of the face of the user included in the video on which face the predetermined makeup has been applied using the article.

8. A makeup simulator applying makeup to a video having an image of a face of a user captured thereon, characterized by:

image capturing means for capturing the image of the face of the user and outputting the video;

control means for receiving the video output from the image capturing means, performing image processing on the video, and outputting the video; and

display means for displaying the video output from the control means,

wherein the control means includes

face recognition means for recognizing the face of the user from the video based on predetermined tracking points; and

makeup processing means for applying a predetermined makeup on the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points and outputting the video to the display means.

9. The makeup simulator as claimed in claim **8**, further characterized by:

half mirror means provided on a side of a display direction of the display means,

wherein the half mirror means transmits light from a side of the display means to a side of the user with the video being displayed on the display means, and reflects light from the side of the user with the video not being displayed on the display means.

10. The makeup simulator as claimed in claim **8**, further characterized by:

half mirror means provided on a side of a display direction of the display means,

wherein the image capturing means is provided at a position so as to be able to capture the image of the face of the user in response to a transmission thereof through the half mirror means, and

the half mirror means transmits light from a side of the display means to a side of the user and transmits light from the side of the user to a side of the image capturing means.

11. The makeup simulator as claimed in claim **8**, further characterized by:

printing means for printing an imaginary image of the face of the user with the makeup displayed on the display means.

12. The makeup simulator as claimed in claim **8**, further characterized by:

exhibition means for exhibiting a commercial product for applying makeup like an imaginary image of the face of the user with the makeup displayed on the display means.

13. The makeup simulator as claimed in claim **8**, further characterized by:

reading means for reading identification information of an article selected by the user; and

correlation means for correlating the article and the identification information,

wherein the makeup processing means identifies the article corresponding to the identification information read from the reading means based on the correlation means, and outputs to the display means an imaginary image of the face of the user included in the video on which face the predetermined makeup has been applied using the article.

14. A makeup simulation method in a makeup simulation system applying makeup to a video having an image of a face of a user captured thereon, characterized by the steps of:

control means recognizing the face of the user from the video captured by image capturing means, and starting a makeup simulation;

the control means recognizing the face of the user included in the video based on predetermined tracking points; and

the control means applying a predetermined makeup to the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points, and outputting the video to display means.

15. A makeup simulation program for applying makeup to a video having an image of a face of a user captured thereon, the program being executed in a computer including at least a processor, a storage unit, and an output unit, wherein the processor executes the steps of:

recognizing the face of the user from the video captured by image capturing means, and starting a makeup simulation;

recognizing the face of the user included in the video based on predetermined tracking points; and

applying a predetermined makeup to the face of the user included in the video based on the tracking points, and outputting the video to display means.

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