[CLAIMS]

[Claim 1]

A guide tube that guides a cable of an internal observation device, comprising:

the guide tube guiding a cable of an internal observation device, the cable being pushed into a pipe bore to force an observation image capturing part provided proximate a tip end of the cable to approach a portion to be observed when performing internal observation of the pipe bore of a pipelike structure with the internal observation device, wherein

a curved part is included proximate a tip end of the guide tube, the curved part being configured to deflect a direction in which the tip end of the cable that is inserted in a tube interior of the guide tube is directed, wherein

an internal diameter proximate the curved part is made greater than internal diameters of other parts.

[Claim 2]

A guide tube that guides a cable of an internal observation device according to claim 1, wherein

the internal diameter of the guide tube continuously changes from the internal diameter of other parts to the internal diameter proximate the curved part.

[Claim 3]

A guide tube that guides a cable of an internal observation device according to claim 1, wherein

a tube axis of the tube interior is decentered toward a direction opposite the direction in which the tip end of the cable is deflected at a portion besides the portion proximate the tip end of the guide tube.

[Claim 4]

A guide tube that guides a cable of an internal observation

device according to claim 1, wherein

the guide tube includes an outside tube and an inside tube that is configured to be inserted in the outside tube, and

the inside tube has at a tip end thereof a holding structure for holding a part proximate the tip end of the cable that is inserted in a tube interior thereof.

[Claim 5]

A cable guiding method of an internal observation device, including inserting into a pipe bore the cable of the internal observation device, the cable being pushed into the pipe bore to force an observation image capturing part provided proximate a tip end of the cable to approach a portion to be observed when performing internal observation of the pipe bore of a pipelike structure with the internal observation device, comprising:

inserting into the pipe bore a guide tube including a curved part proximate a tip end of the guide tube, the curved part being configured to deflect a direction in which the tip end of the cable that is inserted in the tube interior of the guide tube is directed, and a tube axis of the tube interior is decentered toward a direction opposite a direction in which the cable is deflected at a portion besides a portion proximate the tip end of the guide tube; and

inserting the cable into a tube interior of the guide tube from an outside of the pipe bore.

[Claim 6]

A cable guiding method according to claim 5, wherein

the guide tube includes an outside tube and an inside tube that is configured to be inserted in the outside tube,

the outside tube has an internal diameter substantially equal to an outside diameter of the inside tube to a degree that the outside tube can have the inside tube inserted therein, and

the inside tube has at a tip end thereof a holding structure for holding a part proximate the tip end of the cable that is inserted in a tube interior thereof,

the method further comprising

inserting the cable into the inside tube and holding with the holding structure the part proximate the tip end of the cable and

inserting into the outside tube the inside tube having the cable fixed thereto.