

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing information in an information management system that is used to provide a dish search screen, the method comprising:

providing, on the dish search screen as one of a plurality of search filters, one search filter for filtering dishes or restaurants based on rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by sense-of-taste top scorers;

obtaining, from a communication terminal through a network, first data indicating an input value in a measurement test regarding sense of taste of a user of the communication terminal, wherein the measurement test regarding the sense of taste is used to measure taste sensitivity of the user;

obtaining, from the communication terminal, rating information indicating the user's rating of a dish or a restaurant;

generating an evaluation value of the user's sense of taste in association with the user, based on the first data; and

including, in the rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by the sense-of-taste top scorers, the rating information indicating the user's rating of the dish or restaurant, when the evaluation value of the user's sense of taste satisfies a certain condition for the sense-of-taste top scorers.

2. The method according to claim 1,

wherein the sense-of-taste top scorers include i) a person included in a top predetermined percentage of people based on an evaluation value of the sense of taste, ii) a person included in a top predetermined number of people based on an evaluation value of the sense of taste, or iii) a person whose evaluation value of the sense of taste is larger than or equal to a certain value.

3. The method according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the measurement test regarding the user's sense of taste comprises a measurement test of taste resolution of the user; and

the measurement test of the taste resolution is used to measure what is a smallest difference the user is capable of recognizing between a plurality of levels with respect to at least one type of taste.

4. The method according to claim 1 or 2,
wherein the measurement test regarding the user's sense of taste comprises a measurement test of taste sensing of the user; and
the measurement test of the taste sensing is used to measure, among no taste and a plurality of levels ranging from a light taste to a strong taste of some kind of taste, at which level from no taste the user is capable of sensing a distinction as to whether there is no taste or any taste.

5. The method according to claim 1 or 2,
wherein the measurement test regarding the user's sense of taste is a measurement test of taste recognition of the user; and
the measurement test of the taste recognition is used to measure, among no taste and a plurality of levels ranging from a light taste to a strong taste of at least one type of taste, at which level from no taste the user is capable of recognizing whether there is no taste or the at least type of taste.

6. The method according to claim 1 or 2,
wherein the measurement test regarding the user's sense of taste comprises a measurement test of taste density of the user; and
the measurement test of the taste density is used to measure whether or not the user is capable of relatively correctly recognizing at least three levels ranging from a light taste to a strong taste with respect to at least one type of taste.

7. The method according to claim 3,
wherein an input value in the measurement test of taste resolution of the user is input at the communication terminal by using at least i) a first test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light sweet taste to a strong sweet taste or ii) a second test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light salty taste to a strong salty taste.

8. The method according to claim 7,
wherein a first instruction for making the user input which of a first sweetness test meal and a second sweetness test meal of the plurality of test meals included in the first test

meal group is sweeter is output onto a display of the communication terminal, the first sweetness test meal and the second sweetness test meal having therebetween a first level gap of two or more levels of the plurality of levels ranging from the light sweet taste to the strong sweet taste; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the first instruction.

9. The method according to claim 8,

wherein a second instruction for making the user input which of a third sweetness test meal and a fourth sweetness test meal of the plurality of test meals included in the first test meal group is sweeter, separately from the first sweetness test meal and the second sweetness test meal, is output onto the display of the communication terminal, the third sweetness test meal and the fourth sweetness test meal having therebetween a second level gap that is narrower than the first level gap among the plurality of levels ranging from the light sweet taste to the strong sweet taste; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the second instruction.

10. The method according to claim 9,

wherein a third instruction for making the user input which of a fifth sweetness test meal and a sixth sweetness test meal of the plurality of test meals included in the first test meal group is sweeter, separately from the first sweetness test meal and the second sweetness test meal, is output onto the display of the communication terminal, the fifth sweetness test meal and the sixth sweetness test meal having therebetween a third level gap that is wider than the first level gap among the plurality of levels ranging from the light sweet taste to the strong sweet taste; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the third instruction.

11. The method according to claim 9,

wherein the second instruction is output when it is decided that the response to the first instruction indicates a correct answer.

12. The method according to claim 10,

wherein the third instruction is output when it is decided that the response to the first instruction indicates an incorrect answer.

13. The method according to claim 4,

wherein an input value in the measurement test of the taste sensing of the user is input at the communication terminal by using at least i) a first test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light sweet taste to a strong sweet taste, ii) a second test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light salty taste to a strong salty taste, and iii) a third test meal group including a plurality of tasteless test meals.

14. The method according to claim 13,

wherein a fourth instruction for making the user use the first test meal group, the second test meal group, and the third test meal group to input whether the test meals included in the first test meal group or the second test meal group are tasteless or not tasteless in order with a level of a lightest taste first is output onto a display of the communication terminal; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the fourth instruction.

15. The method according to claim 5,

wherein the input value in the measurement test of the taste recognition of the user is input at the communication terminal by using at least a first test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light sweet taste to a strong sweet taste and a second test meal group including a plurality of tasteless test meals.

16. The method according to claim 15,

wherein a fifth instruction for making the user use the first test meal group and the second test meal group to input whether the test meals included in the first test meal group have no taste or have sweet taste in order with the level of a lightest sweet taste first is output onto a display of the communication terminal; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the fifth instruction.

17. The method according to claim 6,

wherein an input value in the measurement test of the taste density of the user is input at the communication terminal by using at least a first test meal group including a plurality of test meals corresponding to a plurality of levels ranging from a light sweet taste to a strong

sweet taste.

18. The method according to claim 17,

wherein a sixth instruction for making the user use the first test meal group to input at least three test meals in order of density of taste, the at least three test meals being included in the plurality of test meals included in the first test meal group, is output onto a display of the communication terminal; and

the first data is obtained as a response to the sixth instruction.

19. The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~ 3,

wherein the at least one type of taste includes at least one of sweetness, sourness, saltiness, bitterness, or umami.

20. A method for providing information in an information management system that is used to provide a user with a search screen for dishes or restaurants, the method comprising:

outputting, by the information management system, the search screen onto a display of a communication terminal of the user,

wherein the search screen includes a search filter for filtering the dishes or the restaurants based on rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by sense-of-taste top scorers; and

the sense-of-taste top scorers are evaluators who are included in all evaluators of the dishes or the restaurants and whose evaluation values regarding sense of taste satisfy a predetermined condition for the sense-of-taste top scorers.

21. The method according to claim 20,

wherein the sense-of-taste top scorers include i) a person included in a top predetermined percentage of people based on the evaluation values regarding the sense of taste, ii) a person included in a top predetermined number of people based on the evaluation values regarding the sense of taste, or iii) a person whose evaluation value regarding the sense of taste is larger than or equal to a certain value.

22. A method for providing information in an information management system that is used to provide a dish search screen, the method comprising:

providing, on the dish search screen as one of a plurality of search filters, one search filter for filtering dishes or restaurants based on rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by sense-of-taste top scorers;

obtaining, from a first communication terminal of a first user through a network, a command indicating that the search filter is selected;

selecting at least one dish filtered by the search filter or at least one restaurant filtered by the search filter, based on the command; and

outputting information indicating the selected at least one dish or restaurant to the first communication terminal through the network to display the information on a display of the first communication terminal.

23. The method according to claim 22,

wherein first data indicating an input value in a measurement test regarding sense of taste of a second user of a second communication terminal is obtained from the second communication terminal through the network, the measurement test regarding the sense of taste being used to measure taste sensitivity of the second user;

rating information indicating the second user's rating of a dish or a restaurant is obtained from the second communication terminal;

based on the first data, an evaluation value of the second user's sense of taste is generated in association with the second user; and

when the evaluation value of the second user's sense of taste satisfies a certain condition for the sense-of-taste top scorers, the rating information indicating the second user's rating of the dish or the restaurant is included in the rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by the sense-of-taste top scorers.