CLAIMS

1. A multilingual communication system that provides translation-enabled terminal-to-terminal communication, the multilingual communication system comprising:

a participating terminal connection unit configured to connect a plurality of terminals participating in the communication, acquire language information set for each of the terminals to recognize a use language used in the terminal from the language information, define for each terminal a terminal message box for the communication, in which transmission messages from a terminal and reception messages to the terminal are described so as to be displayable in a time-series manner, and correlate the use language of the terminal with the terminal message box;

a box coupling setting unit configured to set coupling between a first terminal message box and a second terminal message box so that a transmission message written in the first terminal message box defined for a first terminal is translated using a use language of the first terminal message box as a translation source language and using a use language of the second terminal message box defined for a second terminal as a translation destination language and is written in the second terminal message box as a reception message; and

a box coupling execution unit configured to, when a transmission message is written in the first terminal message box from the first terminal, translate the transmission message from

the translation source language to the translation destination language according to the coupling, write the translated transmission message in the second terminal message box as a reception message, and display the reception message on the second terminal.

2. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, wherein

the participating terminal connection unit is configured to acquire the language information when the terminal connects to the multilingual communication system, and define the terminal message box for the terminal when the terminal having connected to the multilingual communication system sets communication with a specific counterpart.

3. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, wherein

the participating terminal connection unit is configured to acquire the language information set to the terminal whenever connecting the terminal to the multilingual communication system.

4. The multilingual communication system according to claim 3, wherein

software operates on a browser of the terminal, and

the participating terminal connection unit, at least a

portion of which is implemented by the software, is configured to, when the software is activated, acquire the language information set in the browser of the terminal, and connect the terminal to the multilingual communication system.

5. The multilingual communication system according to claim 3, wherein

an application that operates on an operating system is installed in the terminal, and

the participating terminal connection unit, at least a portion of which is implemented by the application, is configured to, when the application is activated in the terminal, acquire the language information set in the operating system of the terminal, and connect the terminal to the multilingual communication system.

6. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a message storage unit configured to record data of messages described in the terminal message box so as to be displayable in a time-series manner, in a database at a predetermined timing that is not synchronous with a writing timing.

7. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a message storage unit configured to record data of messages

described in the terminal message box so as to be displayable in a time-series manner, in a database at a predetermined timing different from a writing timing.

8. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, wherein

the communication is a group chatting in which three or more users can participate, and

when a new third terminal participates in a chatting group which is already set,

the participating terminal connection unit is configured to define a terminal message box for the third terminal for the chatting group, and

the box coupling setting unit is configured to set coupling in which the terminal message box of the third terminal is a transmitting side and the terminal message boxes of the other terminals are a receiving side, and coupling in which the terminal message boxes of the other terminals are a transmitting side and the terminal message box of the third terminal is a receiving side.

9. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, wherein

a reception message on the second terminal message box displayed on the second terminal can be corrected from the second terminal, and

the message storage unit is configured to, when the reception message is corrected, store data in a database, the data correlating a message that is the reception message before translation, the reception message before correction, and the reception message after correction.

10. The multilingual communication system according to claim 9, further comprising:

a translation learning unit configured to analyze the data that the box coupling execution unit has stored in the database, and update dictionary data that the box coupling execution unit uses for translation.

11. The multilingual communication system according to claim 1, wherein

the participating terminal connection unit is configured to acquire the language information and define the terminal message box for the terminal when the terminal connects to the multilingual communication system and sets communication with a specific counterpart.

12. A multilingual communication provision method for providing translation-enabled terminal-to-terminal communication, the multilingual communication provision method comprising:

causing participating terminal connection means to connect

a plurality of terminals participating in the communication, acquire language information set for each of the terminals to recognize a use language used in the terminal from the language information, define for each terminal a terminal message box for the communication, in which transmission messages from a terminal and reception messages to the terminal are described so as to be displayable in a time-series manner, and correlate the use language of the terminal with the terminal message box;

causing box coupling setting means to set coupling between a first terminal message box and a second terminal message box so that a transmission message written in the first terminal message box defined for a first terminal is translated using a use language of the first terminal message box as a translation source language and using a use language of the second terminal message box defined for a second terminal as a translation destination language and is written in the second terminal message box as a reception message; and

causing box coupling execution means to, when a transmission message is written in the first terminal message box from the first terminal, translate the transmission message from the translation source language to the translation destination language according to the coupling, write the translated transmission message in the second terminal message box as a reception message, and display the reception message on the second terminal.