

INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE, INFORMATION PROCESSING
METHOD, AND PROGRAM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 [0001]

1. Field of the Invention

[0002]

The present invention relates to an information
processing device, an information processing method, and
10 a program, and particularly to an information processing
device, an information processing method, and a program
configured to detect a change in the wavelength of
environmental light to execute processing responsive to
current environmental light.

15 [0003]

2. Description of Related Art

[0004]

For example, equipment has been available, which
operates responsive to a change in environmental light,
20 such as a streetlight that turns on when it gets dark due
to, e.g., sunset, a display that automatically adjusts
its luminance responsive to the brightness of a room
light, a remote controller (see, e.g., Japanese Patent
Application Publication (KOKAI) No. 2004-202759) that
25 adjusts display of a built-in liquid crystal display
responsive to illuminance of environmental light, and the
like.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

30 [0005]

However, the related art equipment that operates

responsive to a change in environmental light merely
detects the brightness (illuminance) of the environmental
light, and is thus unable to accommodate a change in
environmental light in which, e.g., the brightness of the
5 environmental light does not change much but its color or
the type of illumination changes.

[0006]

Note that various types of sensors designed for
detecting, e.g., the color of environmental light or the
10 type of illumination have been available. Accordingly,
by using such dedicated sensors, equipment can be
realized which can accommodate a change in environmental
light in which, e.g., the brightness of the environmental
light does not change much but its color or the type of
15 illumination changes. However, from the viewpoints of
cost reduction and space saving, it is desirable to deal
with the above-mentioned change in environmental light
without using such dedicated sensors.

[0007]

20 Embodiments of the present invention provide
equipment that performs processing responsive to, e.g., a
color of environmental light or a type of illumination
without using dedicated sensors.

[0008]

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According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power, for performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, comprising: a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having different predetermined wavelengths, respectively; a plurality of voltage detecting sections for detecting voltages of power generated by the plurality of power generating elements, respectively; a determining section for determining any of the plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination result; and a processing section for performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

[0009]

The processing section can be configured to perform, as the processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment, at least one of control over display of a screen by a display, control over audio output, and control over execution of a program.

[0010]

The plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to the light having the different predetermined wavelengths,

respectively, may be dye-sensitized solar cells, and the wavelengths of the light by which the power generating efficiencies increase may differ for each power generating element.

5 [0011]

The plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive

to the light having the different predetermined wavelengths can be solar cells covered with filters that transmit different wavelengths of light therethrough, respectively.

5 [0012]

According to a second aspect of the invention, there is provided an information processing method for an information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power, for
10 performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, comprising the steps of: detecting voltages of power generated by a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to
15 light having different predetermined wavelengths, respectively; determining any of the plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power
20 generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination result; and performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

[0013]

According to a third aspect of the invention, there is provided a program for controlling an information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power, for performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, the program causing a computer to execute processing including the steps of: detecting voltages of power generated by a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having different predetermined wavelengths, respectively; determining any of the plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination result; and performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

[0014]

According to an embodiment of the present invention, voltages of power generated by a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies are deflected with respect to light having different predetermined wavelengths are detected, respectively, any of the plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others, is determined on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, and then a surrounding environment is

determined on the basis of a determination result, to perform processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015]

FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a portable information

processing device to which the present invention is applied;

[0016] FIG. 2 is a block diagram showing a first configuration example of the portable information processing device;

[0017] FIG. 3 is a diagram showing power generating characteristics of a solar cell;

[0018] FIG. 4 is a diagram showing power generating characteristics of the solar cell;

10 [0019] FIG. 5 is a diagram showing power generating characteristics of the solar cell;

[0020] FIG. 6 is a flowchart for explaining a surrounding environment-responsive processing;

[0021] FIG. 7 is a block diagram showing a second configuration example of the portable information processing device;

[0022] FIG. 8 is a block diagram showing a configuration example of a load stabilizing section of FIG. 7; and

20 [0023] FIG. 9 is a schematic diagram showing a modified example of the portable information processing device.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

25 [0024]

Specific embodiments to which the present invention is applied will be described below in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0025]

30 FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a portable information processing device, which is an embodiment of the present

invention. This portable information processing device
10 detects an environmental change (specifically, a
change in the wavelength of illuminating light) and
performs processing responsive to an environment on the
5 basis of a detection result. The portable information
processing device 10 has a plurality (four in the case of
FIG. 1) of specific wavelength-responsive solar cell
elements 11-A to 11-D and a display 12 for displaying
predetermined information, on an external surface thereof.

10 [0026]

The specific wavelength-responsive solar cell
elements 11-A to 11-D provided on the surface of this
portable information processing device 10 are configured
such that their power generating efficiencies increase
15 responsive to light having different predetermined
wavelengths, respectively. Therefore, if illuminating
light sources of the different wavelengths are provided
in a plurality of environments, respectively, by
comparing the power generating efficiencies of the
20 specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A
to 11-D, a surrounding environment of a place where the
portable information processing device 10 is currently
located can be determined. Note that the term
"surrounding environment" used in the present
25 specification and appended claims is intended to mean a
surrounding environment of a place where this portable
information processing device 10 is currently located.
The specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements
11-A to 11-D are described below as being specific to
30 different wavelengths A to D, respectively.

[0027]

Note that the number of the specific wavelength-responsive solar batter cells 11-A to 11-D (hereinafter simply called "specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element(s) 11" unless otherwise required to be
5 individually distinguished) for converting illuminating light into power is not limited to four.

[0028]

What kind of processing is to be performed for an environmental change detected can be determined
10 arbitrarily. For example, when an environmental change is detected, an image for display on the display 12 may be changed, or audio for output from a speaker, not shown, may be changed. Such a technique makes it possible to perform the following information processing. Namely, in
15 an art museum or the like, if the wavelengths of illumination used near exhibits are varied for each exhibit, an appropriate image corresponding to the exhibit can be displayed on the portable information processing device, or appropriate audio guidance can be
20 given.

[0029]

The specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D whose power generating efficiencies increase with respect to light having specific
25 wavelengths, respectively, can be realized by using, e.g., dye-sensitized solar cells.

[0030]

Characteristics of dye-sensitized solar cells will be described.

30 [0031]

At present, dye-sensitized solar cells are inferior

in their power generating efficiency compared with related art solar cells using Si (silicon). However, the dye-sensitized solar cells have the following advantages. Not using silicon, they may be manufactured less
5 expensively. Since their manufacturing processes are equivalent to those of liquid crystals, they have high mass-production efficiency. Since an organic dye is used, coloring is easy. By selecting an organic dye, their light absorbing properties can be controlled. Since a
10 glass substrate is not used, they can be bent. They can be formed into a thinner structure.

[0032]

Known organic dyes include phenylxanthene dyes, phthalocyanine dyes, coumarin dyes, cyanine dyes,
15 merocyanine dyes, porphyrin dyes, and proflavine dyes. They have different light absorbing properties and different color reproduction properties. Even by using one of these dyes alone or some of them in mixture, special light absorbing properties can be obtained, and
20 color reproduction can be controlled. Furthermore, it is predicted that a dye whose wavelength range is limited will be invented through future research and development. Therefore, by using these dyes, the light absorbing properties and color reproduction can be controlled.

25 [0033]

By utilizing the light absorbing properties and the color reproduction controlling properties, the power generating efficiencies of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D can be made
30 specific to the different wavelengths A to D, respectively.

[0034]

The display 12 may be formed of, e.g., an electronic paper or a liquid crystal panel.

[0035]

5 FIG. 2 shows a first configuration example of the portable information processing device 10. The portable information processing device 10 includes, in addition to the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11 and the display 12 provided on the external surface of
10 its housing as mentioned above, a power supply unit 23 for stably supplying power obtained from the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11 to a downstream stage, and a control unit 25 for performing processing responsive to a detected surrounding
15 environment of a current location, using the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11 as sensors for detecting an environmental change.

[0036]

The specific wavelength-responsive solar cell
20 element 11-A includes a power generating module 21-A that receives illuminating light and converts the light into power, and a voltage detecting section 22-A that detects a voltage of the power generated by the power generating module 21-A. The power generating module 21-A outputs
25 the generated power to the power supply unit 23. The voltage detecting section 22-A performs A/D conversion on the detected voltage for notification to a surrounding environment determining section 27 of the control unit 25.

[0037]

30 Note that the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-B to 11-D are configured similarly to

the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11-A, and thus their descriptions will be omitted.

[0038]

In order to obtain a desired voltage, the power supply unit 23 has power lines from the power generating modules 21-A to 21-D properly connected thereto either parallelly or serially to accumulate power in a power storage section 24 formed of a built-in rechargeable battery or condenser, after which it supplies the power to the display 12 and the control unit 25 which are arranged downstream thereof.

[0039]

The control unit 25 executes a program held in a built-in memory 26, to realize the surrounding environment determining section 27, a signal processing section 28, and a display control section 29. The surrounding environment determining section 27 determines a surrounding environment by comparing detection results from the voltage detecting section 22-A to 22-D, and notifies the signal processing section 28 of a determination result. The signal processing section 28 performs processing responsive to the notified determination result, and outputs a processing result to the display control section 29. The display control section 29 controls display of a screen by the display 12 such that the processing result from the signal processing section 28 is displayed thereon.

[0040]

Note that the signal processing section*28 may be realized by either hardware or software. For example, for realization by software, it may be configured by

installing a plurality of applications so as to change processing for execution according to an application for execution.

[0041]

5 Furthermore, it may be configured, e.g., such that no processing is assigned to some of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements. Still furthermore, single processing for execution may be determined responsive to a state of change of light (e.g.,
10 a change of light from red to blue, blue to yellow or the like) illuminating around a place.

[0042]

 Note that the above-mentioned change in the processing assignment to the specific wavelength-
15 responsive solar cell elements 11 may be realized by modifying the hardware configuration of the signal processing section 28, or according to the processing to be executed by the installed applications.

[0043]

20 Here, typical power generating characteristics of a solar cell applied also to the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11 will be described. FIG. 3 shows a relationship between a current i and a voltage v with respect to the illuminance of illuminating light.
25 In the figure, the abscissa indicates the illuminance, and a left-hand ordinate indicates the current i , and a right-hand ordinate indicates the voltage v .

[0044]

 As is apparent from the figure, the voltage v
30 drastically increases when the illuminance exceeds a predetermined value, thereafter exhibiting a piecemeal

increase with increasing illuminance. By contrast, the current i increases proportionally with increasing illuminance.

[0045]

5 FIG. 4 shows a correlation among the voltage v , the current i , and a power p being their product with respect to downstream load fluctuation. In the figure, the abscissa indicates the voltage v , a left-hand ordinate indicates the current i , and a right-hand ordinate indicates the power p . Here, the downstream load fluctuation is attributable to, e.g., a change in the charging state of the power storage section 24 of the power supply unit 23 and a change in the power consumption of the control unit 25 or the display 12, all of which are provided downstream of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements.

[0046]

As mentioned above, the voltage v , the current i , and the power p change in response not only to the illuminance, but also to the load fluctuation of the downstream circuits. As a result, the voltage v , the current i , and the power p move along transition curves such as shown in FIG. 4. Usually, a point on a transition curve at which the power p maximizes is determined as a power generating operation point P of the solar cell of interest.

[0047]

However, the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D have, as mentioned above, different light absorbing properties, and thus their transition curves do not necessarily coincide.

[0048]

FIG. 5 shows a correlation between the voltage v and the current i with respect to the downstream load fluctuation, for each of three different types of illuminances of illuminating light. In the figure, the abscissa indicates the voltage v , and the ordinate indicates the current i . As is apparent from the figure, a change in the illuminance results in a noticeable change in the current i .

10 [0049]

On the basis of the above-described power generating characteristics of the solar cell, a specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 of the portable information processing device 10 being the present embodiment detects, when irradiated with a predetermined wavelength, the predetermined wavelength as a voltage change to specify a surrounding environment.

[0050]

Referring next to a flowchart of FIG. 6, surrounding environment-based processing (hereinafter called "surrounding environment-responsive processing") executed in the portable information processing device 10 will be described. Note that illuminating light sources of the wavelengths A to D are supposed to be arranged respectively beforehand in environments to which a user moves while carrying the portable information processing device 10.

[0051]

In step S1, the voltage detecting section 22 of each specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 detects a voltage generated by the corresponding power

generating module 21 to perform A/D conversion thereon,
and notifies the surrounding environment determining
section 27 of a value being a conversion result. In step
S2, the surrounding environment determining section 27
5 compares the value (hereinafter called "detected voltage
value") of the detected voltage being the conversion
result notified from each specific wavelength-responsive
solar cell element 11 with a standardization table
prepared beforehand, to determine the power generating
10 efficiency of each of the specific wavelength-responsive
solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D.
[0052]

In step S3, the surrounding environment determining
section 27 determines whether or not any of the specific
15 wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D
has its power generating efficiency increased relative to
the others. If it is determined that none of them have
their power generating efficiencies increased relative to
one another, the processing returns to step S1, to repeat
20 the subsequent steps.
[0053]

Conversely, if it is determined in step S3 that any
of the cells has its power generating efficiency
increased relative to the others, the processing proceeds
25 to step S4. In step S4, the surrounding environment
determining section 27 specifies a surrounding
environment (the wavelength of illuminating light) on the
basis of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell
element 11 which is determined to have had its power
30 generating efficiency increased relative to the others,
and notifies the signal processing section 28 of a

specification result.

[0054]

In step S5, the signal processing section 28 performs processing (e.g., creating text data, image data
5 or the like corresponding to the surrounding environment) responsive to the specification result notified from the surrounding environment determining section 27, and outputs a processing result to the display control section 29. The display control section 29 controls
10 (specifically, displays text, an image or the like corresponding to the surrounding environment) display by the display 12 on the basis of the inputted processing result.

[0055]

15 Thereafter, the processing returns to step S1 to repeat the subsequent steps. The above describes the surrounding environment-responsive processing.

[0056]

As described above, according to the surrounding
20 environment-responsive processing of the portable information processing device 10, text, an image or the like suitable for a surrounding environment in which a user is currently located can be displayed without involving any user control. Note that audio suitable for
25 a surrounding environment in which the user is currently located may be outputted, or a program suitable for a surrounding environment in which the user is currently located may be executed, alternatively.

[0057]

30 By the way, in the above-mentioned portable information processing device 10, the detected voltage

value of each specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 has changed due to the downstream load fluctuation. Thus, referring to FIG. 7, another configuration example will be described in which a load stabilizing section is additionally provided such that the downstream load fluctuation will not affect each specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 in order to reduce the detected voltage value change.
[0058]

FIG. 7 shows a second configuration example of the portable information processing device, which is an embodiment of the present invention. In this second configuration example, a load stabilizing section 41 is interposed between the solar cell elements 11 and the power supply unit 23 in the first configuration example shown in FIG. 2. The load stabilizing section 41 serves to stabilize load fluctuation affecting the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11 and caused by the circuits downstream of the power supply unit 23. Since components other than the load stabilizing section 41 are similar to those in the first configuration example and are given the same reference symbols, their descriptions will be omitted.
[0059]

Referring to FIG. 8, a configuration example of the load stabilizing section 41 and its operation will be described.
[0060]

A load current for a voltage V_P of a specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 equals the sum of a current I_S flowing through a resistor (R_S) 51

and a current I_Z flowing through a resistor (RZ) 52.

$$\text{Load current} = I_S + I_Z$$

[0061]

As to the current I_Z flowing through the resistor
 5 (RZ) 52, only a constant current flowing through a Zener
 diode (DZ) 53 may be considered, given that the input
 impedance of a comparator (CM) 54 is sufficiently high.

$$I_Z = \text{constant}$$

[0062]

10 Meanwhile, the current I_S flowing through the
 resistor (RS) 51 equals the sum of a current I_L flowing
 through a circuit load (RL) equivalent to the power
 supply unit 23 and its downstream circuits, and a current
 I_T flowing through a transistor (TR) 56.

15 $I_S = I_L + I_T$

[0063]

Therefore, if a voltage V_S across the resistor (RS)
 51 is stabilized, the current I_S becomes also stabilized.
 Hence, the load current for the voltage V_P of the
 20 specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 can
 be stabilized.

[0064]

Specifically, a breakdown voltage V_Z of the Zener
 diode (DZ) 53 is set such that $V_Z = V_P - V_S$. Here, since
 25 $V_S = R_S \cdot I_S$, the breakdown voltage V_Z is given as follows:

$$V_Z = V_P - (R_S \cdot I_S)$$

[0065]

For example, if the current I_S flowing through the
 resistor (RS) 51 decreases by ΔI_L from a desired constant
 30 current value, due to a decrease in the load of the
 circuit load (RL) 55, the breakdown voltage V_Z of the

Zener diode (DZ) 53 and the voltage across the resistor (RS) 51 have the following relationship:

$$V_Z < V_P - (R_S \cdot (I_S - \Delta I_L))$$

[0066]

5 From this relationship, output of the comparator (CM) 54 increases to increase the current I_T flowing through the transistor (TR) 56, to increase the current I_S flowing through the resistor (RS) 51. Since the comparator (CM) 54 keeps providing its output until the
10 relationship $V_Z = V_P - (R_S \cdot I_S)$ is established, the current I_S flowing through the resistor (RS) 51, as a result, returns to a condition prior to the occurrence of the current fluctuation ΔI_L , to be stabilized. Therefore, the load current for the voltage V_P across the specific
15 wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 is also stabilized.

[0067]

 Conversely, if the current I_S flowing through the resistor (RS) 51 increases by ΔI_L from a desired constant
20 current value, due to an increase in the load of the circuit load (RL) 55, the breakdown voltage V_Z of the Zener diode (DZ) 53 and the voltage across the resistor (RS) 51 have the following relationship:

$$V_Z > V_P - (R_S \cdot (I_S + \Delta I_L))$$

25 [0068]

 From this relationship, the output of the comparator (CM) 54 drops to decrease the current I_T flowing through the transistor (TR) 56, to decrease the current I_S flowing through the resistor (RS) 51. Since the
30 comparator (CM) 54 keeps providing its output until the relationship $V_Z = V_P - (R_S \cdot I_S)$ is established, the

current IS flowing through the resistor (RS) 51, as a result, returns to a state prior to the occurrence of the current fluctuation ΔIL , to be stabilized. Therefore, the load current for the voltage VP across the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell element 11 is also
5 stabilized.

[0069]

Note that this load stabilizing section 41 may be applied not only for stabilizing a load for solar cells
10 such as in the present embodiment, but also for stabilizing loads for power generating devices utilizing, e.g., temperature difference, wind force, pressure and the like.

[0070]

15 As described in the foregoing, according to the portable information processing device 10 which is an embodiment of the present invention, the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D are used not only for power generation, but also for
20 detection of a change in surrounding environment (the wavelength of illuminating light). This realizes space saving compared with a configuration in which a dedicated sensor for detecting an environmental change is provided separately.

25 [0071]

According to the embodiments of the present invention, equipment can be realized which performs processing responsive to, e.g., each color of environmental light or each type of illumination without
30 using dedicated sensors.

[0072]

Note that, instead of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements, a configuration may be applicable in which a plurality of solar cell elements each having the same color absorbing property are
5 installed, and these cell elements are covered with filters transmitting light having different wavelengths therethrough, respectively.

[0073]

Alternatively, to cope with a case where the
10 specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D are not enough to obtain a desired quantity of power, a solar cell element 71 may be added, which is not specific to a predetermined wavelength of illuminating light and thus is used only for power generation, as
15 shown in, e.g., FIG. 9.

[0074]

When installed onto a vehicle for moving type attraction in, e.g., a theme park, the portable information processing device 10 which is an embodiment
20 of the present invention can, e.g., display descriptive information suitable for each location every time the vehicle moves to one of a plurality of environments providing illuminating light having different wavelengths, respectively. Alternatively, if, e.g., a visitor carries
25 the portable information processing device 10 as an admission ticket, the visitor can display on the device a waiting time at the entrance of an attraction, or a menu at a restaurant, for example.

[0075]

30 Note that any of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D whose power generating

efficiency has increased relative to the others is specified, in the above-mentioned description. Instead, any of the specific wavelength-responsive solar cell elements 11-A to 11-D whose power generating efficiency has decreased relative to the others may be specified.

[0076]

It should be understood by those skilled in the art that various modifications, combinations, sub-combinations and alterations may occur depending on design requirements and other factors insofar as they are within the scope of the appended claims or the equivalents thereof.

What is Claimed is:

1. An information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power,
5 for performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, comprising:

a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having
10 different predetermined wavelengths, respectively;

a plurality of voltage detecting sections for detecting voltages of power generated by the plurality of power generating elements, respectively;

a determining section for determining any of the
15 plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination
20 result; and

a processing section for performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

2. The information processing device according to claim
25 1, wherein:

the processing section performs, as the processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment, at least one of control over display of a screen by a display, control over audio output, and control over
30 execution of a program.

3. The information processing device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein:

the plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to the light having the different predetermined wavelengths, respectively, are dye-sensitized solar cells, and

the wavelengths of the light by which the power generating efficiencies increase differ for each power generating element.

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4. The information processing device according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein:

the plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having different predetermined wavelengths are solar cells covered with filters that transmit different wavelengths of light therethrough, respectively.

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5. An information processing method for an information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power, for performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, comprising the steps of:

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detecting voltages of power generated by a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having different predetermined wavelengths, respectively;

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determining any of the plurality of power generating

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elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination result; and

performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.

6. A program for controlling an information processing device, provided with a power generating element for converting light into power, for performing processing responsive to an environment in which a wavelength of illuminating light changes, the program causing a computer to execute processing including the steps of:
- detecting voltages of power generated by a plurality of power generating elements whose power generating efficiencies vary responsive to light having different predetermined wavelengths, respectively;
- determining any of the plurality of power generating elements, whose power generating efficiency is different relative to the others on the basis of the respective detected voltages of the plurality of power generating elements, to determine a surrounding environment on the basis of a determination result; and
- performing processing responsive to the determined surrounding environment.