WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image signal processor for generating a converted image based on a raw image provided by an image sensor, the image signal processor comprising:

processing circuitry configured to

store data corresponding to a plurality of lines of a received image in a line buffer;

perform an image processing operation by filtering the data stored in the line buffer based on at least one filter; ~~and~~

determine a number of sub-images into which the raw image is to be divided based on a width of the raw image, a width of the line buffer, and a width of an overlap region, the width of the overlap region being a region shared between at least two adjacent sub-images;

divide the raw image into a plurality of sub-images equal to the determined number of sub-images and request the plurality of sub-images from a first memory in which the raw image is stored, such that the plurality of sub-images are sequentially received by the line buffer, a width of each of the plurality of sub-images being less than the~~a~~ width of the line buffer, and the plurality of sub-images being parallel to each other.

2. The image signal processor of claim 1, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to divide the raw image into the plurality of sub-images such that the at least two adjacent sub-images partially overlap each other.

3. The image signal processor of claim 2, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to determine the~~a~~ width of the~~an~~ overlap region ~~shared between the at least two adjacent sub-images~~ based on a size of the at least one filter.

4. The image signal processor of claim 3, wherein the at least one filter comprises a finite impulse response (FIR) filter.

5. The image signal processor of claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to determine ~~at least one of~~ the width of each of the plurality of sub-images ~~or~~

~~a number of the sub-images into which the raw image is to be divided~~ based on thea~~a~~ width of the raw image, the width of the line buffer, and the width of the overlap region.

6. The image signal processor of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to

sequentially image-process the plurality of sub-images in an order in which the plurality of sub-images are received by the line buffer and generate a plurality of converted sub-images, and

sequentially store the plurality of converted sub-images in at least one of the first memory or a second memory in an order in which the plurality of converted sub-images are generated and merge the plurality of converted sub-images into the converted image, the converted image having a same size as the raw image.

7. The image signal processor of claim 6, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to determine an address of a region in which the plurality of converted sub-images are to be stored, such that the plurality of converted sub-images stored in the at least one of the first memory or the second memory constitute the converted image.

8. The image signal processor of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to convert a size of the converted image based on a resolution of a display device.

9. The image signal processor of claim 8, wherein

thea~~a~~ width of the raw image provided by the image sensor is equal to or less than the width of the line buffer in a first operation mode, and

the width of the raw image provided by the image sensor is greater than the width of the line buffer in a second operation mode.

10. The image signal processor of claim 9, wherein, in the first operation mode, the processing circuitry is configured to image-process the raw image to generate the converted image, and scale the converted image to generate a scaled image.

11. The image signal processor of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the first memory is configured to store the raw image received from the image sensor and sequentially provide the plurality of sub-images of the raw image to the line buffer in response to the request for the plurality of sub-images.

12. The image signal processor of any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the first memory comprises a buffer included in the image sensor.

13. A method of operating an image signal processor configured to image-process a raw image generated by an image sensor, wherein the image signal processor includes a line buffer having a size smaller than a width of the raw image and at least one filter, the method comprising:

determining a number of stripe images into which the raw image is to be divided based on the width of the raw image, the size of the line buffer, and a width of an overlap region, the width of the overlap region being a region shared between two adjacent stripe images;

dividing the raw image into a plurality of stripe images equal to the determined number of stripe images, a size of each of the plurality of stripe images in a first direction being less than the size of the line buffer, and the plurality of stripe images being parallel to each other;

sequentially image-processing the plurality of stripe images by using the line buffer and the at least one filter to generate a plurality of converted stripe images; and

merging the plurality of converted stripe images into a converted image having a same size as the raw image.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the two adjacent stripe images of the plurality of stripe images partially overlap each other.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein thea width of thean overlap region ~~shared between the two adjacent stripe images~~ is determined based on a size of the at least one filter.

~~16. The method of claim 13 or claim 14, wherein a number of the stripe images into which the raw image is to be divided is determined based on the size of the line buffer and a size of the at least one filter.~~

16~~17~~. The method of any one of claims 13 to 15~~16~~, wherein the sequentially image-processing of the plurality of stripe images comprises:

sequentially receiving a first stripe image of the plurality of stripe images in units of lines from an external memory of the image signal processor in which the raw image is stored, the sequentially receiving the first stripe image being performed by the line buffer;

filtering data of the first stripe image stored in the line buffer and generating a converted first stripe image, the filtering and the generating being performed by the at least one filter;

sequentially receiving a second stripe image of the plurality of stripe images in units of lines from the external memory upon the generating of the converted first stripe image being completed, the sequentially receiving the second stripe image being performed by the line buffer; and

filtering data of the second stripe image stored in the line buffer and generating a converted second stripe image, the filtering and the generating being performed by the at least one filter.

17~~18~~. An application processor comprising:

an image signal processor configured to image-process a raw image generated by an image sensor and generate a converted image; and

an image compression encoder configured to compress the converted image,

in a second operation mode, the image signal processor being configured to

determine a number of sub-images into which the raw image is to be divided based on a width of the raw image, a size of a line buffer, and a width of an overlap region, the width of the overlap region being a region shared between at least two adjacent sub-images;

divide the raw image into a plurality of sub-images equal to the determined number of sub-images, sequentially image-process the plurality of sub-images, and generate a plurality of converted sub-images.

18~~19~~. The application processor of claim 17~~18~~, wherein, in the second operation mode, the image signal processor is configured to merge the plurality of converted sub-images together into the converted image, the converted image having a same size as the raw image.

19~~20~~. The application processor of claim 17~~18~~ or claim 18~~19~~, wherein

the image signal processor comprises the~~a~~ line buffer configured to store line data, and

in the second operation mode, the~~a~~ width of the raw image is greater than the~~a~~ size of the line buffer.