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(54) **Multimedia apparatus with "Slide-Show" and relevant audio output**

(57) An image recording/reproducing apparatus and a control method thereof to provide the functions of recording image files in a recording medium and reproducing and editing the image files recorded in the recording medium. The apparatus and method enables a user to easily select and manipulate functions of the apparatus using a menu display, and can record, reproduce and

edit the image files according to the function selected by the user. The apparatus and method, therefore allows the user to easily select and manipulate the functions using a displayed menu, and more efficiently manage and easily search for the recorded image files.

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1. claims: 1,2

Multimedia apparatus displaying still images in the manner
of a slide show during reproducing the relevant audio

2. claims: 3-6

Image recording reproducing apparatus in which the images
are decoded and stored in a memory during the idle states of
the decoder.

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