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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43*bis*.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
 - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: WO 2010/087259 A1 (MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP.) 05 August 2010, fig. 7 and 10, paragraphs [0066]-[0069] (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2005-79721 A (KYOCERA CORP.) 24 March 2005, fig. 1 and 2 & US 2005/0096057 A1</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2006-352669 A (FUJITSU LTD.) 28 December 2006, paragraphs [0021]-[0026] & US 2006/0288413 A1</p> <p>Document 4: JP 2008-67306 A (FUJITSU LTD.) 21 March 2008, paragraph [0064] & US 2008/0062874 A1</p> <p>Claims 1-10</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Document 1 discloses a communication network installed on a train, wherein an IP address delivery device and a plurality of terminals are connected by switches in each car, and when an IP request signal of a certain terminal passes through a switch, the IP address request signal of another terminal is blocked.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Document 2 discloses a feature for delivery of IP addresses to each terminal of a communication system in a train.</p>			

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Documents 3 and 4 disclose well-known features for switches to block packets using logical port numbers.

However, documents 1-4 do not disclose the feature of the present application wherein switches are grouped and an IP address request signal from a terminal is blocked at a physical port connected to a switch device of another group. Such a feature would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.