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Applicant
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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 43bis.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:
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 - on paper or in the form of an image file.
 - b. furnished together with the international application under PCT Rule 13ter.1(a) for the purposes of international search only in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file.
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 - in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file (Rule 13ter.1(a)).
 - on paper or in the form of an image file (Rule 13ter.1(b) and Administrative Instructions, Section 713).
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 forming part of the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-7	YES
	Claims	1, 8-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:	
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Document 1: JP 2002-56079 A (KONICA CORP.) 20 February 2002, paragraphs [0001]-[0051], fig. 1-6
(Family: none)

Document 2: JP 2011-67535 A (TERUMO CORP.) 07 April 2011, paragraphs [0001]-[0058], fig. 1-9
(Family: none)

Document 3: JP 2014-103661 A (AIPHONE CO., LTD.) 05 June 2014, entire text, all drawings
(Family: none)

Document 4: JP 2012-27565 A (TRYPHOR CO., LTD.) 09 February 2012, paragraphs [0001]-[0100], fig. 1-30 & US 2012/0022885 A1, paragraphs [0001]-[0185], fig. 1-30

Document 5: JP 10-234796 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.) 08 September 1998, paragraphs [0001]-[0060], fig. 1-18
(Family: none)

The invention as in claims 1 and 8-9 is not disclosed in the light of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

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•Claim 1

Document 1 discloses a central processing device of a monitored person monitoring system, said central processing device being provided with: a sensor device for detecting a prescribed action in a monitored person (for example, see monitoring camera "11" in fig. 2, etc.); a terminal device for receiving notification of a prescribed event if the prescribed event occurs in the sensor device and displaying a video generated by the sensor device (for example, see a computer as the terminal in fig. 1); and the central processing device, which is respectively connected to the sensor device and the terminal device so as to be able to communicate therewith and is for receiving the notification of the prescribed event from the sensor device and notifying the terminal device (for example, see paragraphs [0008], [0009] and fig. 1, 2, etc.).

Document 1 further indicates that if notification of the prescribed event is received, the video is displayed live on the terminal device for an amount of video viewing time (for example, see paragraphs [0038]-[0040] and fig. 4, 5, etc.).

Document 2 discloses a central processing device of a monitored person monitoring system, said central processing device being provided with: a storage unit for storing a video viewing time, which is a viewing time in which a video can be viewed live; and a video viewing time transmission setting unit for displaying the video live on a terminal device for an amount of video viewing time (for example, see paragraphs [0006], [0007], [0020], [0030], [0035], and fig. 2, 4, 5, etc.).

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Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of the invention as in claim 1 on the basis of documents 1 and 2.

•Claim 8

Document 1 discloses a central processing method executed by the central processing device of the monitored person monitoring system, wherein the sensor device for detecting the prescribed action in the monitored person, the terminal device for receiving notification of the prescribed event if the prescribed event occurs in the sensor device and displaying the video generated by the sensor device, and the central processing device, which is respectively connected to the sensor device and the terminal device so as to be able to communicate therewith and is for receiving the notification of the prescribed event from the sensor device and notifying the terminal device are provided (for example, see fig. 1, 2, 4, 5, etc.). Document 1 further indicates that if notification of a prescribed event is received, the video is displayed live on the terminal device for an amount of video viewing time (for example, see paragraphs [0038]-[0040] and fig. 4, 5, etc.).

Document 2 indicates that the following are provided: a storage step for storing the video viewing time, which is the viewing time in which the video can be viewed live, if notification of the prescribed event has been received, and a video viewing time transmission setting step for displaying the video live on a terminal device for an amount of video viewing time if notification of the prescribed event has been received

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(for example, see paragraphs [0006], [0007], [0020], [0030], [0035], and fig. 2, 4, 5, etc.).

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of the invention as in claim 8 on the basis of documents 1 and 2.

•Claim 9

Document 1 indicates that the following are provided: the sensor device for detecting the prescribed action in the monitored person; the terminal device for receiving notification of the prescribed event if the prescribed event occurs in the sensor device and displaying the video generated by the sensor device; and the central processing device, which is respectively connected to the sensor device and the terminal device so as to be able to communicate therewith and is for receiving the notification of the prescribed event from the sensor device and notifying the terminal device (for example, see paragraphs [0008], [0009] and fig. 1, 2, etc.).

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of the invention as in claim 9 on the basis of documents 1 and 2.

The invention as in claims 2-7 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR and thus is novel and involves an inventive step. In particular, documents 1 and 2, which are considered to be the most relevant prior art documents, do not indicate that the "central processing device of the monitored person monitoring system" set forth in claim 1 is applied to the technical field of nurse calls, to arrive at "the prescribed event

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is a nurse call" set forth in claim 2.