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

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

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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 :
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5. Additional comments:

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	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2010-0240415 A1 (JONG HWAN KIM et al.) 23 September 2010

D2: US 2008-0253624 A1 (SHIH-FANG WONG et al.) 16 October 2008

2.1 Novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) and Inventive Step (PCT Article 33(3))

2.1.1 Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 is an independent claim and relates to an electronic device.

D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses a mobile terminal (100) (see claim 1 in D1) comprising:

a first body (100A) and a second body (100b) (see paragraphs [0073], [0076]; and figure 2 in D1);

a display module (151) which may serve as a touchscreen and be disposed in a front case (100A-1) (see paragraphs [0074]-[0075]; and figure 2 in D1);

a pressure sensor (143) which may be installed in the display module (151) (see paragraph [0049]; and figure 1 in D1);

a photo sensor embedded in the display module (151) for identifying a fingerprint (see paragraphs [0088]-[0091]; and figure 4 in D1);

a controller (180) (see figure 1 in D1); and

a memory (160) (see figure 1 in D1),

wherein a plurality of fingerprint information may be stored in the memory (160) (see paragraph [0099] in D1),

the display module (151) receives a fingerprint-touch input which is a touch input generated by touching the display module (151) with a finger and includes fingerprint information (see paragraph [0127]; and figure 11 in D1),

the controller (180) may determine whether the fingerprint information of the received

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The phrase "The electronic device of clam 1" in claim 5 is considered to be a typo for "The electronic device of claim 1". Therefore, claim 5 does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6.

The phrase "the least one registered fingerprint" in claim 15 is considered to be a writing error for "the at least one registered fingerprint". Therefore, claim 15 does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6.

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fingerprint-touch input matches the previously-stored fingerprint information (see paragraph [0128] in D1), and the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) and may enter a predefined operating mode if the fingerprint information of the received fingerprint-touch input matches with the previously-stored fingerprint information (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from that of D1 in the features of: sensing pressure of a user's finger against a touchscreen display using a pressure sensor; and upon sensing of the pressure, activating a fingerprint sensor. However, the different features can readily be derived from D2, which is in the same technical field as D1, disclosing the features of sensing pressure and generating a sensor power-up command (see paragraph [0027]; and figure 4 in D2) and providing power to a fingerprint sensor (see paragraph [0028]; and figure 4 in D2). It would not be particularly difficult for a person skilled in the art to combine D1 and D2, and it is considered that the effect achieved from the combination of D1 and D2 can readily be foreseen by a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art to apply the feature of D2 to the mobile terminal of D1 to arrive at the electronic device of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is novel under PCT Article 33(2), but lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

2.1.2 Dependent Claims 2-5

The additional feature of **claim 2**, dependent on claim 1, is merely a matter of design option in view of D2 disclosing the feature of sensing the pressure and generating the sensor power-up command (see paragraph [0027]; and figure 4 in D2).

The additional feature of **claim 3**, dependent on claim 2, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The additional feature of **claim 4**, dependent on claim 1, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the pressure sensor (143) may be installed in the display module (151) (see paragraph [0049]; and figure 1 in D1).

The additional feature of **claim 5**, dependent on claim 1, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may enter the predefined operating mode (see

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paragraph [0129] in D1).

Accordingly, claims 2-5 would have been obvious over D1 in view of D2. Therefore, claims 2-5 are novel under PCT Article 33(2), but lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

2.1.3 Independent Claim 6

Claim 6 is an independent claim and relates to an electronic device.

D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art to the subject matter of claim 6, discloses a mobile terminal (100) (see claim 1 in D1) comprising:

a display module (151) which may serve as a touchscreen and be disposed in a front case (100A-1) (see paragraphs [0074]-[0075]; and figure 2 in D1);

a pressure sensor (143) which may be installed in the display module (151) (see paragraph [0049]; and figure 1 in D1);

a photo sensor embedded in the display module (151) for identifying a fingerprint (see paragraphs [0088]-[0091]; and figure 4 in D1);

a controller (180) (see figure 1 in D1); and

a memory (160) to store a plurality of fingerprint information (see paragraph [0099]; and figure 1 in D1),

wherein the display module (151) receives a fingerprint-touch input which is a touch input generated by touching the display module (151) with a finger and includes fingerprint information (see paragraph [0127]; and figure 11 in D1),

the controller (180) may determine whether the fingerprint information of the received fingerprint-touch input matches the previously-stored fingerprint information (see paragraph [0128] in D1), and

the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) and may enter a predefined operating mode if the fingerprint information of the received fingerprint-touch input matches with the previously-stored fingerprint information (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The subject matter of claim 6 differs from that of D1 in the features of: sensing pressure which is applied to a touchscreen display by a user's finger, using a pressure sensor; and activating a fingerprint sensor when the sensed pressure is equal to or greater than a designated value. However, the different features can readily be derived from D2 disclosing the features of sensing pressure and generating a sensor power-up command (see paragraph [0027]; and figure 4 in D2) and providing power to a fingerprint sensor

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(see paragraph [0028]; and figure 4 in D2).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art to apply the feature of D2 to the mobile terminal of D1 to arrive at the electronic device of claim 6. Therefore, claim 6 is novel under PCT Article 33(2), but lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

2.1.4 Dependent Claims 7-14

The additional feature of **claim 7**, dependent on claim 6, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the display module (151) receives the fingerprint-touch input which is the touch input generated by touching the display module (151) with the finger (see paragraph [0127]; and figure 11 in D1).

The additional feature of **claim 8**, dependent on claim 6, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The additional feature of **claim 9**, dependent on claim 6, is merely a matter of design option in view of D2 disclosing the feature of sensing the pressure and generating the sensor power-up command (see paragraph [0027]; and figure 4 in D2).

The additional feature of **claim 10**, dependent on claim 9, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The additional feature of **claim 11**, dependent on claim 9, can readily be derived from D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may enter the predefined operating mode (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

The additional features of **claims 12-14**, directly or indirectly dependent on claim 6, are merely matters of design option in view of D1 disclosing that the controller (180) may unlock the mobile terminal (100) and may enter the predefined operating mode (see paragraph [0129] in D1).

Accordingly, claims 7-14 would have been obvious over D1 in view of D2. Therefore, claims 7-14 are novel under PCT Article 33(2), but lack an inventive step under PCT

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Article 33(3).

2.1.5 Independent Claim 15

Claim 15 is an independent claim and relates to a fingerprint verification method of an electronic device. Since the features of claim 15 are substantially the same as those of claim 6 except for the category of invention, the same reasoning as in claim 6 applies to claim 15. Accordingly, claim 15 would have been obvious over D1 in view of D2. Therefore, claim 15 is novel under PCT Article 33(2), but lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

2.2 Industrial Applicability (PCT Article 33(4))

Claims 1-15 are industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).