

**APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHING OPERATION
MODE OF PORTABLE MOBILE COMMUNICATION UNIT**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for automatically switching an operation mode of a portable mobile communication unit to a desired mode.

5 The apparatus includes a mode signal generating unit installed in an area requiring a limited use of the portable mobile communication unit and adapted to generate a mode signal selected from a normal vibration mode signal, a transmission-restricted vibration mode signal, an incoming call cut-off mode
10 signal, an image and data transmission-prohibited mode signal, and a normal operation mode signal. The apparatus also includes the portable mobile communication unit which receives the mode signal from the mode signal generating unit, and executes an operation corresponding to the received mode signal. The
15 apparatus may further include an entrance signal generating unit adapted to generate an entrance signal informing the portable mobile communication unit of an entrance thereof into the area, and an exit signal generating unit adapted to generate an exit signal informing the portable mobile
20 communication unit of an exit thereof into the area. In this case, the portable mobile communication unit executes an operation corresponding to the received mode signal upon detecting the entrance signal while preventing an execution of the operation corresponding to the received mode signal upon
25 detecting the exit signal.

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