

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MONITORING MOVING OBJECTS

ABSTRACT

In a monitoring apparatus (1), a monitoring area is scanned by
5 an area sensor device (2) to detect objects. Moving objects are
identified among the detected objects, and, among the identified
moving objects, a moving object which is the closest to a priority
monitoring object (for example, an entrance) which is preset in the
monitoring area is set as a tracking target. The object which is set to
10 be tracked is automatically tracked by a camera device (3). As a result,
even if there are present a plurality of moving objects in the monitoring
area, tracking targets are switched from one to another, so that it is
possible to set a moving object desired by an observer.

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Fig. 3