

ABSTRACTCORDLESS TELEPHONES

5 A cordless telephone of multi-channel access type comprises
handsets (1A to 1N) each operative by a user for initiating a telephone
call request; and a base station (20) including a plurality of base
units (21A to 21C) each having a first mode in which the respective
base unit (21A to 21C) is capable of responding to a call request from
10 one of the handsets (1A to 1N) and a second mode to which the
respective base unit (21A to 21C) is converted for opening a
communication channel with that one handset (1A to 1N) and carrying out
the telephone call request in response to the reception thereof by the
respective base unit (21A to 21C) while in said first mode, and a
15 controller (22) which controls the base units (21A to 21C) and is
programmed so that, at any time, only one of the base units (21A to
21C) is in the first mode for responding to a call request from one of
the handsets (1A to 1N).