ABSTRACT

When video signals are composed so that one video signal can be defined by (i) inputting plural video signals, (ii) attaching a picture identifier to the respective video signals for identifying the video signals, and (iii) composing some of the plural video signals, a picture coding method including the following processes is proposed. 1. Prepare composing information such as a composing sequence. 2. Encode at least the video signals having picture identifiers together with the composing information. A coding apparatus using this method, a picture decoding method that decodes the video signals coded with this method, a decoding apparatus using this decoding method are also proposed. A recording medium that records the data implementing the above methods is proposed. Thanks to the present invention, plural video signals can be coded in a high accuracy, and the composing information that is utilized for composing the plural video signals can be changed with ease.