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(54) **MOBILE TERMINAL AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE MOBILE TERMINAL**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A mobile terminal and a method of controlling the mobile terminal are provided. The method includes storing a plurality of pieces of fingerprint information on at least one of a finger-by-finger basis, a user-by-user basis, and a pattern-by-pattern basis; receiving a fingerprint-touch input through a display module capable of performing fingerprint identification; and if fingerprint information of the received fingerprint-touch input matches with one of the plurality of pieces of fingerprint information for locking a predefined operating menu, locking the predefined operating menu. Therefore, it is possible to easily lock or unlock the mobile terminal in response to a fingerprint-touch input. In addition, it is possible to effectively perform various operations performed by the mobile terminal in response to a fingerprint-touch input.

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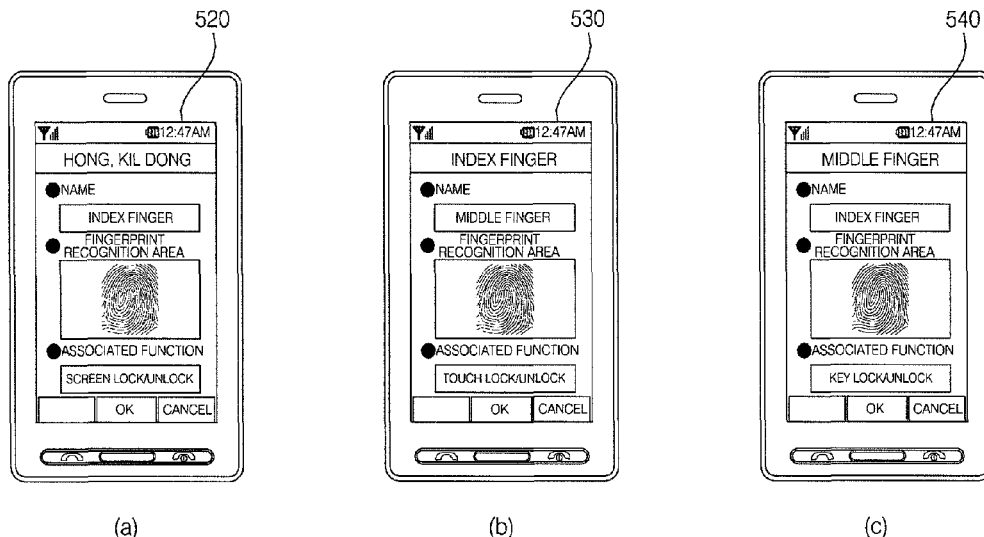


FIG. 1

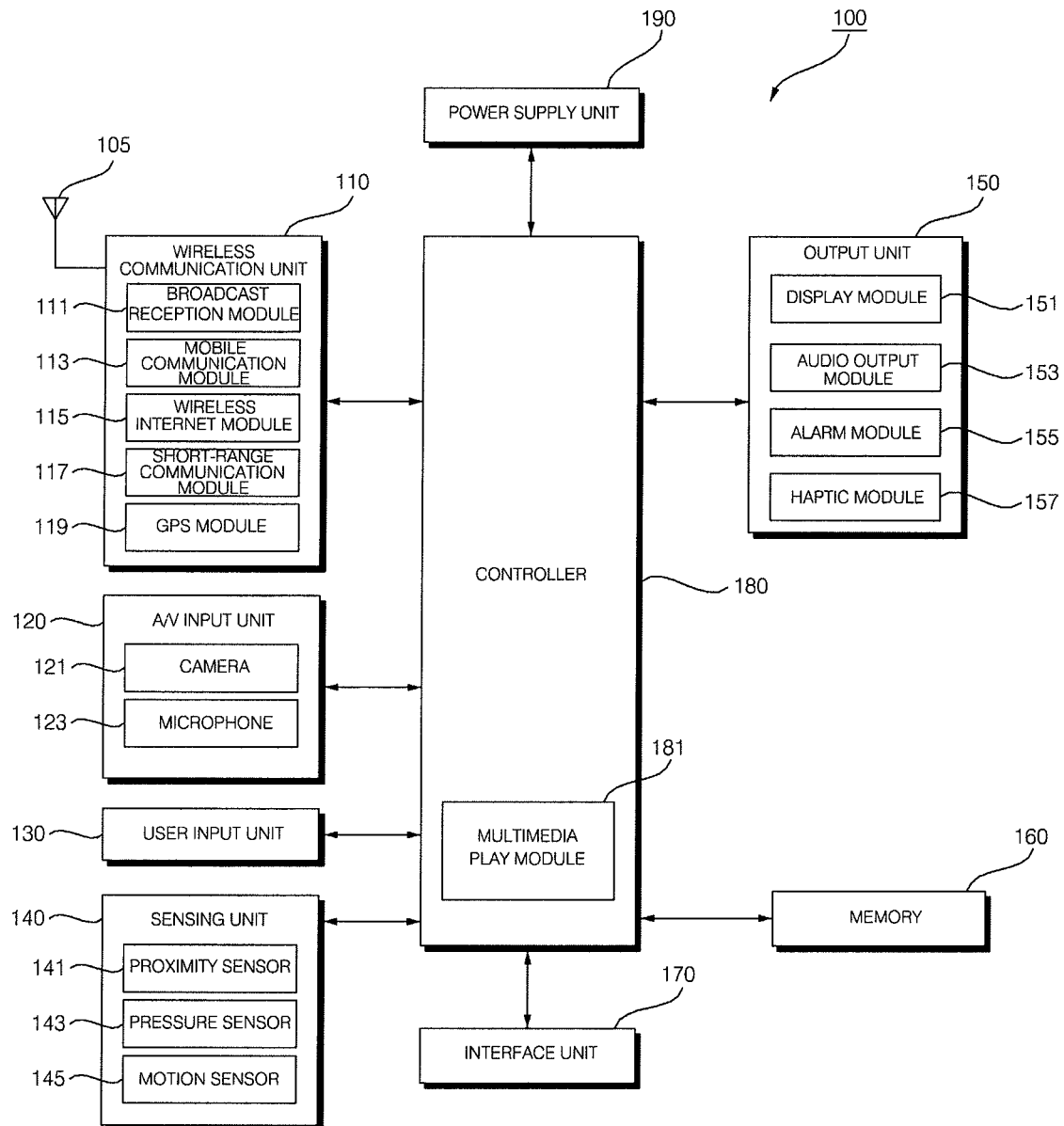


FIG. 2

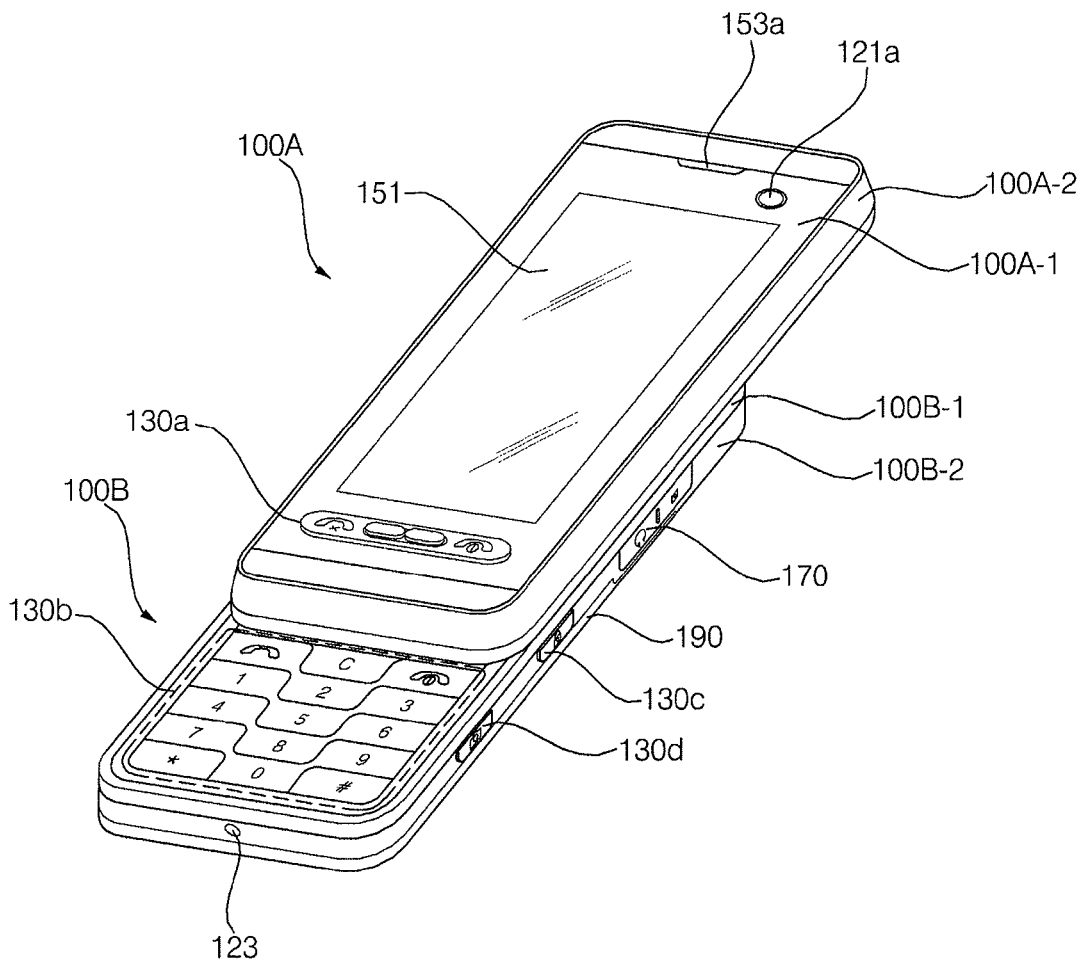


FIG. 3

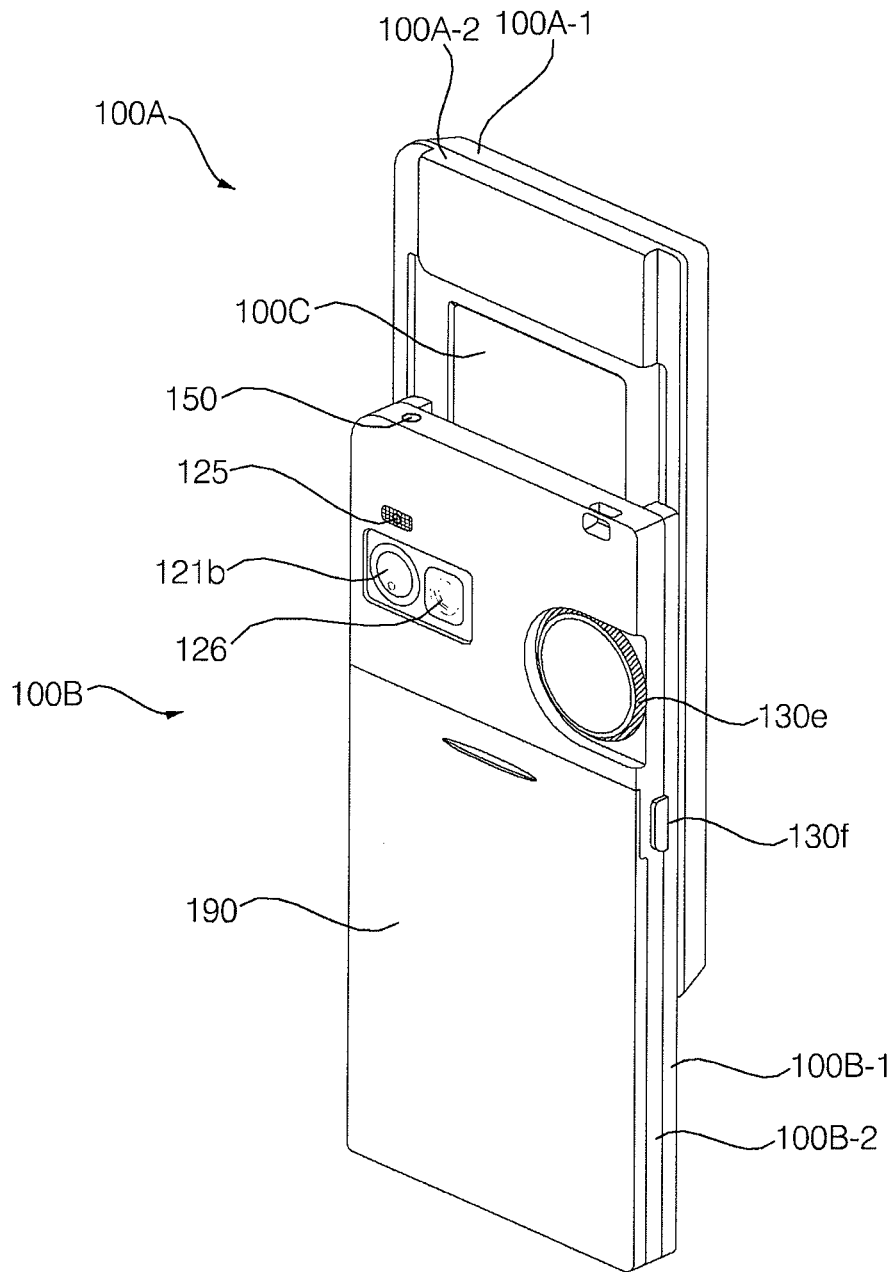
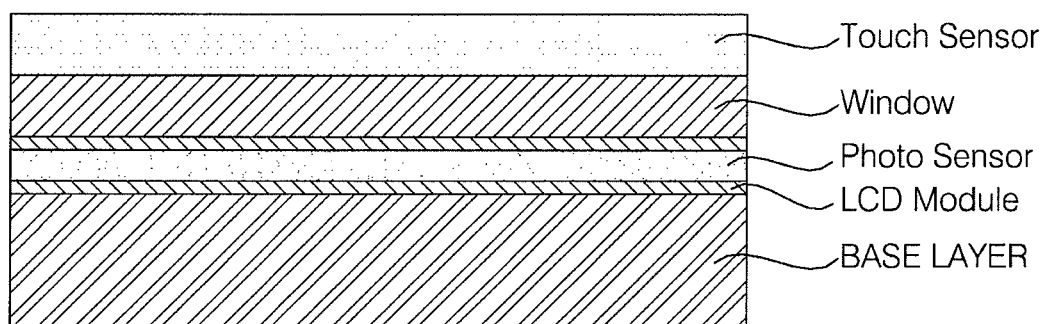
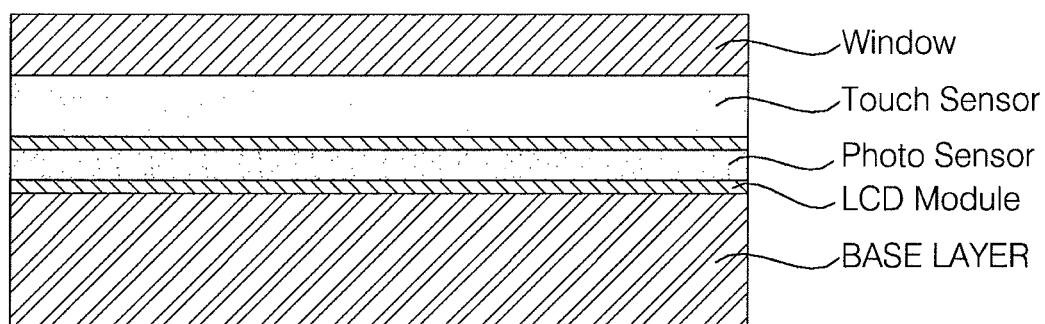


FIG. 4



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