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ABSTRACT

Techniques for receiving repeatedly transmitted broadcast information appropriately are disclosed. One aspect of the present invention relates to a base station including a communication control unit configured to control radio communication with user equipment and a broadcast information transmission unit configured to transmit broadcast information, wherein the broadcast information transmission unit includes scheduling information for second system information in first system information and broadcasts the second system information in accordance with the scheduling information.

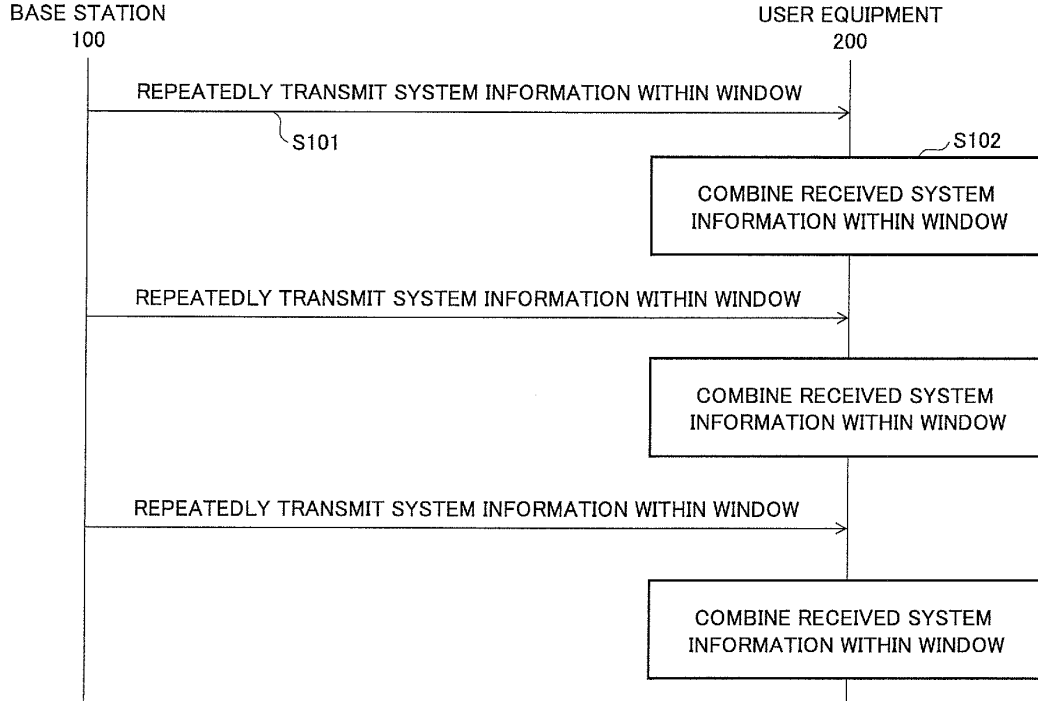
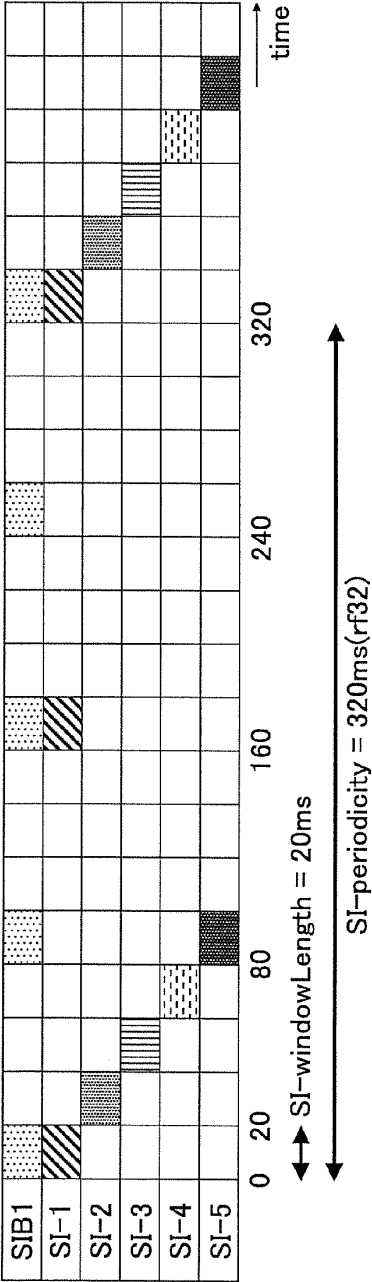


FIG.1



SI	STORED SIB	CYCLE (ms)
SI-1	SIB2	160
SI-2	SIB3, SIB6	320
SI-3	SIB5 or SIB10	320
SI-4	SIB10 or SIB11	320
SI-5	SIB11 (IF SIB 11 IS IN SI-4, SI-5 IS NOT PROVIDED)	320

FIG.2A

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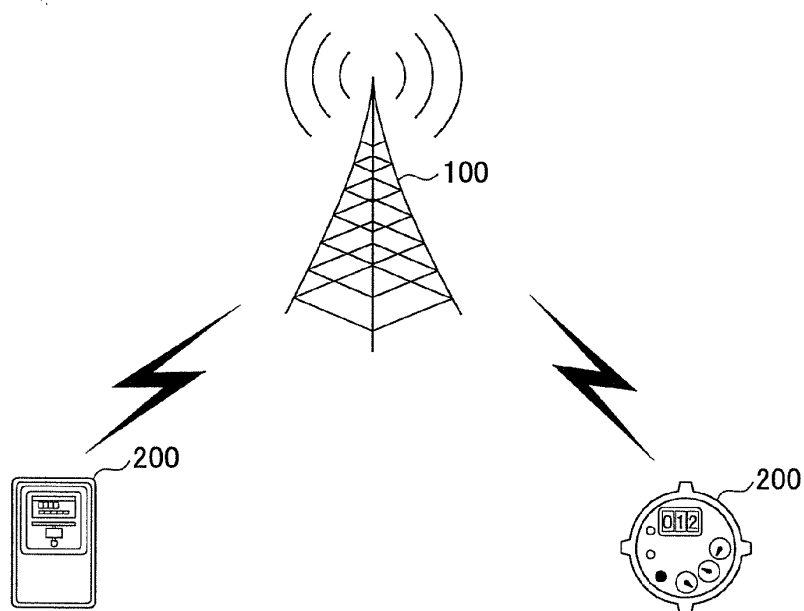


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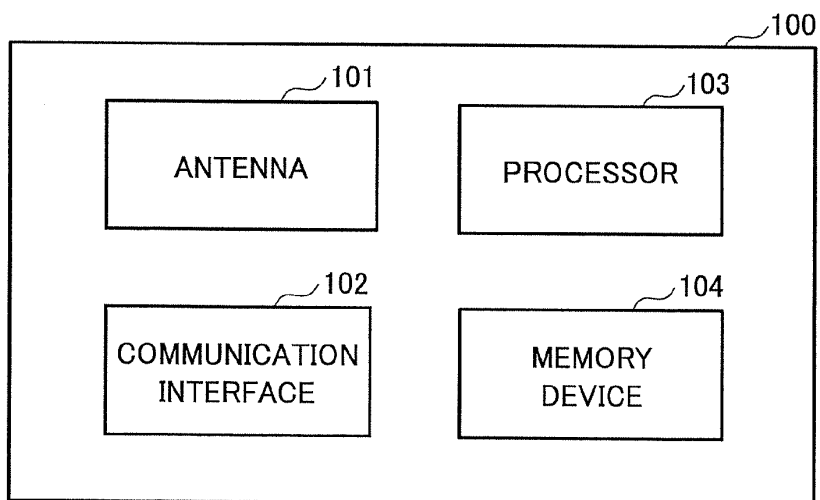


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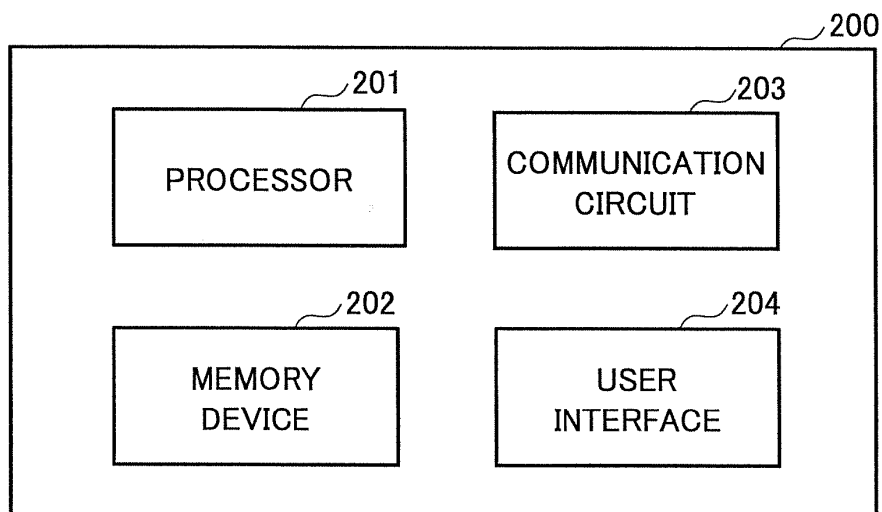


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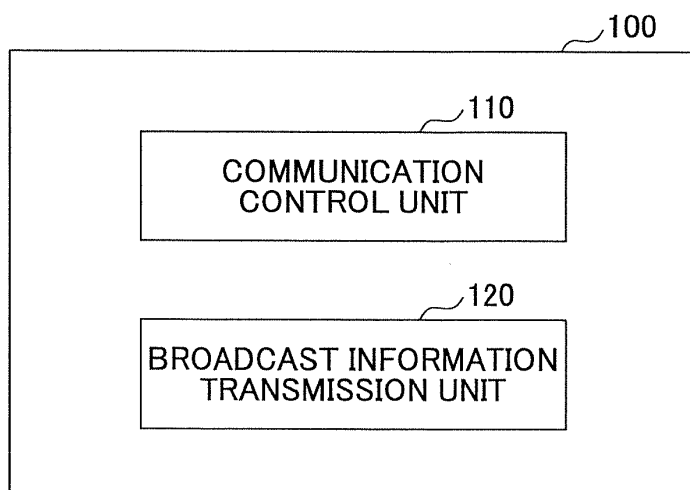


FIG.4

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SchedulingInfoList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSI-Message)) OF SchedulingInfo

SchedulingInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    si-Periodicity
        ENUMERATED {
            rf8, rf16, rf32, rf64, rf128, rf256, rf512},
    sib-MappingInfo
        SIB-MappingInfo,
    si-WindowLength
        ENUMERATED {ms1, ms2, ...},
    si-RepetitionInterval
        ENUMERATED {n1, n2, n3, ...},
    si-RepetitionOffset
        ENUMERATED {n1, n2, n3, ...}
}

SIB-MappingInfo ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (0..maxSIB-1)) OF SIB-Type

SIB-Type ::=
    ENUMERATED {
        sibType3, sibType4, sibType5, sibType6,
        sibType7, sibType8, sibType9, sibType10,
        sibType11, sibType12-v920, sibType13-v920,
        sibType14-v1130, sibType15-v1130,
        sibType16-v1130, sibType17-v1250,
        ..., sibType19-v1250}

sibType18-v1250,

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FIG.5

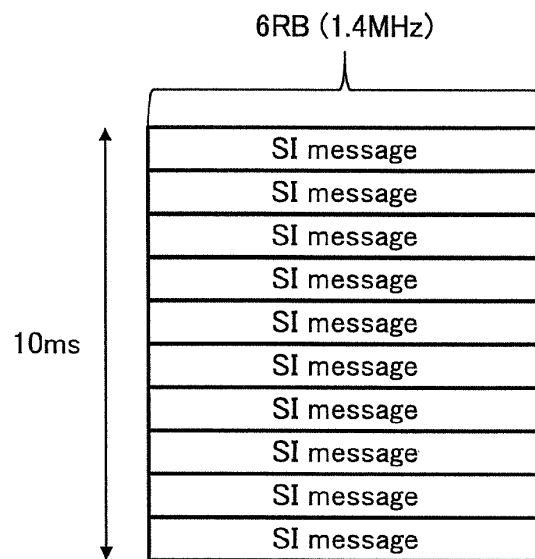


FIG.6

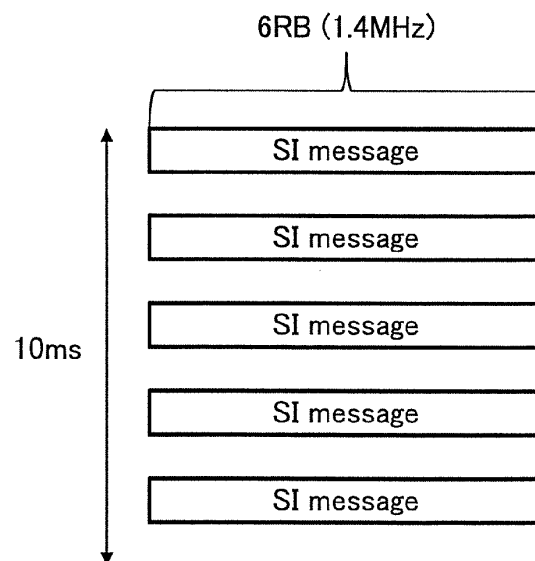


FIG. 7

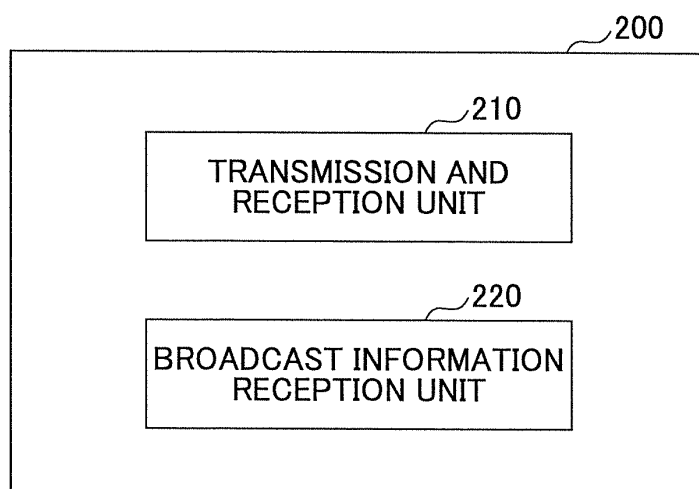
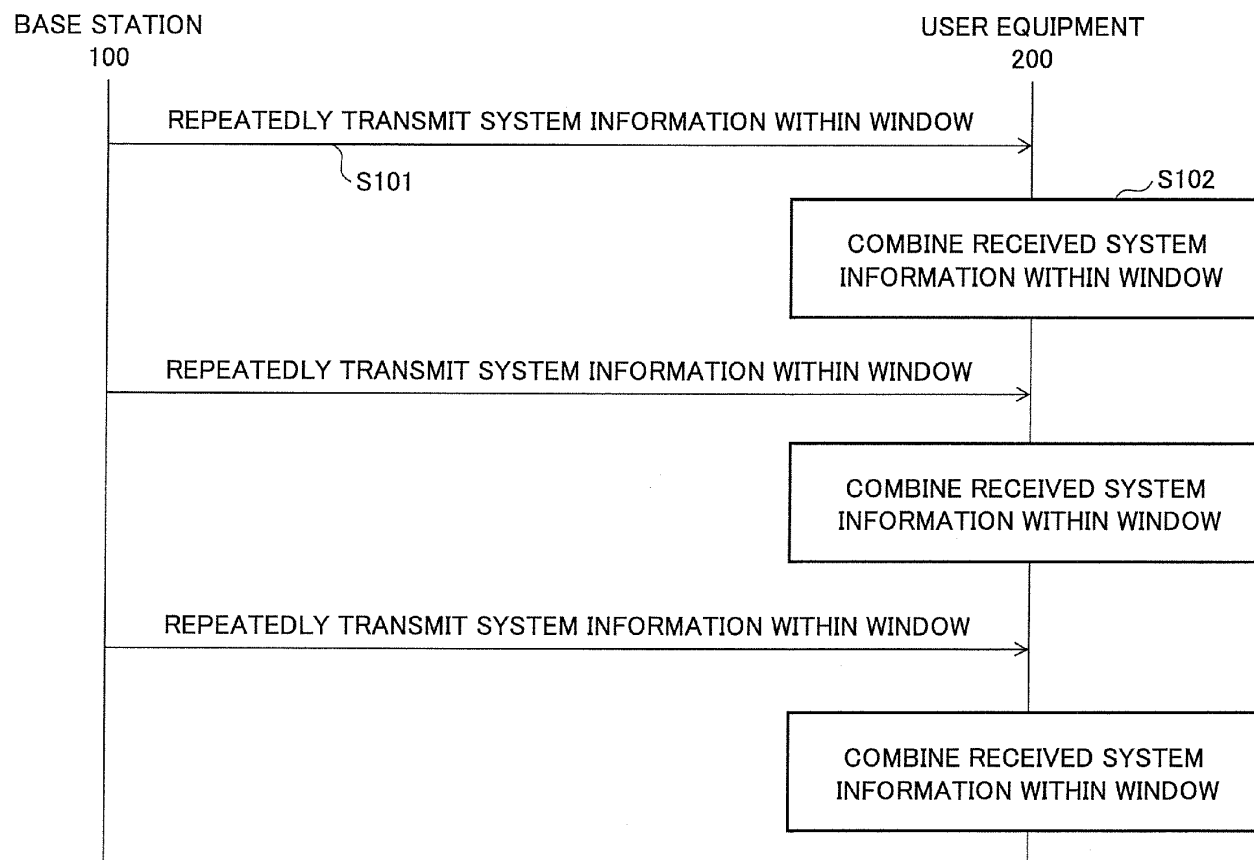


FIG.8



BASE STATION, USER EQUIPMENT AND BROADCAST INFORMATION TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION METHOD

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to a radio communication system.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002] In presently designed Release 13 (Rel-13) of LTE (Long Term Evolution), various functions required to be provided in a MTC (Machine Type Communication) type of user equipment (UE) are being considered. As one example, user equipment (Low Cost User Equipment: LC UE) having the transmission and reception bandwidth limited to 1.4 MHz for cost reduction is considered. As another example, since there is a likelihood that the MTC terminals may be located in areas, such as depth areas in buildings and/or underground areas, where building penetration loss is large and radio communication is difficult, user equipment designed for enhanced coverage (Enhanced Coverage User Equipment: EC UE) is considered.

[0003] In the LTE system, broadcast information regarding cells such as a master information block (MIB) and a system information block (SIB) is periodically transmitted. In the existing LTE system, the MIB is assumed to be transmitted in the cycle of 40 ms, and the user equipment can soft combine the MIB repeatedly transmitted up to four times in the cycle. Also, the SIB 1 is defined to be transmitted in the cycle of 80 ms, and the user equipment can soft combine the SIB 1 repeatedly transmitted up to four times in the cycle. Further, SIBx (SIB 2, SIB 3, . . .) other than the SIB 1 are stored and transmitted in system information (SI message) in accordance with mapping indicated in schedulingInfo in the SIB 1. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 1, the SIB 2 may be stored in SI-1 and transmitted in the cycle of 160 ms. The SIBs 3 and 6 may be stored in SI-2 and transmitted in the cycle of 320 ms. The SIB 5/10 may be stored in SI-3 and transmitted in the cycle of 320 ms. The SIB 10/11 may be stored in SI-4 and transmitted in the cycle of 320 ms. The SIB 11 may be stored in SI-5 and transmitted in the cycle of 320 ms. (Here, if the SIB 11 is stored in the SI-4, the SI-5 is not configured.) In other words, the SI-1 to SI-5 are transmitted within the SI cycle of 320 ms.

[0004] Here, the SI messages can be transmitted at arbitrary number of times in an SI window, and the user equipment can soft combine the SI received in the SI window. In the illustrated example, the period of the SI window is set to 20 ms. The period or size of the SI window is common over the respective SI messages, and the SI windows do not overlap with each other. The SIB having the same cycle can be multiplexed into the same SI messages.

PRIOR ART TECHNICAL DOCUMENT

Non-Patent Document

[0005] Non-patent document 1: 3GPP TR 36.888, "Study on provision of low-cost Machine-Type Communications (MTC) User Equipments (UEs) based on LTE"

[0006] Non-patent document 2: 3GPP RP-150492, "Further LTE Physical Layer Enhancements for MTC", Rel-13 Work Item Description

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Problem to be Solved by the Invention

[0007] The existing LTE terminal can receive a PDCCH (Physical Downlink Control Channel) and determine whether broadcast information is transmitted based on the received PDCCH. As a result, even if the SI messages have been transmitted at an arbitrary number of times within the SI window, the LTE terminal can receive the SI messages.

[0008] Meanwhile, since a LC UE receives the SI messages within the SI window without receiving the PDCCH, according to an existing broadcast information reception manner, where it is presumed that the PDCCH is received, the LC UE cannot identify the SI messages repeatedly transmitted within the SI window.

[0009] In light of the above-stated problem, an object of the present invention is to provide techniques for receiving the repeatedly transmitted broadcast information appropriately.

Means for Solving the Problem

[0010] In order to achieve the above object, one aspect of the present invention relates to a base station, comprising: a communication control unit configured to control radio communication with user equipment; and a broadcast information transmission unit configured to transmit broadcast information, wherein the broadcast information transmission unit includes scheduling information for second system information in first system information and broadcasts the second system information in accordance with the scheduling information.

[0011] Another aspect of the present invention relates to user equipment, comprising: a transmission and reception unit configured to transmit and receive radio signals to and from a base station; and a broadcast information reception unit configured to receive broadcast information from the base station, wherein the broadcast information reception unit receives second system information in accordance with scheduling information for the second system information included in first system information received from the base station.

[0012] A still further aspect of the present invention relates to a broadcast information transmission and reception method, comprising: broadcasting, by a base station, first system information and second system information, wherein the first system information includes scheduling information for the second system information; and receiving, by user equipment, the first system information and the second system information, wherein the second system information is received in accordance with the scheduling information in the first system information.

Advantage of the Invention

[0013] According to the present invention, techniques for receiving the repeatedly transmitted broadcast information appropriately can be provided.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1 is a diagram for illustrating exemplary transmission cycles of conventional system information;

[0015] FIG. 2A is a schematic diagram for illustrating a radio communication system according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0016] FIG. 2B is a block diagram for illustrating a hardware arrangement of a base station according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0017] FIG. 2C is a block diagram for illustrating a hardware arrangement of user equipment according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0018] FIG. 3 is a block diagram for illustrating an arrangement of the base station according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0019] FIG. 4 is a diagram for illustrating exemplary signaling according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0020] FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram for illustrating an exemplary transmission pattern of SI messages;

[0021] FIG. 6 is a schematic diagram for illustrating an exemplary transmission pattern of SI messages;

[0022] FIG. 7 is a block diagram for illustrating an arrangement of the user equipment according to one embodiment of the present invention; and

[0023] FIG. 8 is a sequence diagram for illustrating a broadcast information transmission and reception operation according to one embodiment of the present invention.

EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

[0024] Embodiments of the present invention are described below with reference to the drawings.

[0025] In embodiments below, user equipment for receiving and combining broadcast information repeatedly transmitted from a base station is disclosed. In the outline of embodiments as stated below, when the base station transmits the broadcast information, the base station transmits various types of broadcast information by including scheduling information on transmission opportunities for certain types of broadcast information in other types of broadcast information. The user equipment receives the certain types of broadcast information in accordance with the scheduling information. For example, in an LTE system, when the base station broadcasts system information (SIBx) on a cell, the base station transmits SIB1 including the scheduling information on transmission opportunities of subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .). Upon receiving the SIB1, the user equipment can receive and combine the subsequent SIBx in accordance with the scheduling information in the received SIB1. As a result, the user equipment can receive the broadcast information appropriately without receiving the PDCCH, and the present embodiment enables low-cost user equipment, for which it is not assumed that the PDCCH is received, to receive the broadcast information appropriately.

[0026] A radio communication system according to one embodiment of the present invention is described with reference to FIG. 2A. FIG. 2A is a schematic diagram for illustrating a radio communication system according to one embodiment of the present invention.

[0027] As illustrated in FIG. 2A, the radio communication system 10 has a base station 100 and user equipment 200. For example, the radio communication system 10 may be an LTE system or an LTE-Advanced system. In the illustrated embodiment, only the single base station 100 is illustrated, but a large number of base stations 100 are disposed to cover a service area of the radio communication system 10.

[0028] The base station 100 wirelessly connects to the user equipment 200 to transmit downlink (DL) packets received from an upper station and/or server communicatively connected to a core network (not shown) to the user equipment

200 and uplink (UL) packets received from the user equipment 200 to the server. Also, the base station 100 periodically transmits the broadcast information on cells such as a master information block (MIB) and a system information block (SIBx) as described in detail below.

[0029] As illustrated in 2B, the base station 100 is typically arranged with hardware resources such as an antenna 101 for transmitting and receiving radio signals to/from the user equipment 200, a communication interface 102 including a communication interface (X2 interface or the like) for communicating with adjacent base stations and a communication interface (S1 interface or the like) for communicating with a core network, a processor 103 for processing signals transmitted and received to/from the user equipment 200 and a memory device 104. Functions and operations of the base station 100 as stated below may be implemented by the processor 103 processing or executing data and/or programs stored in the memory device 104. However, the base station 100 is not limited to the above-stated hardware arrangement and may have any other appropriate hardware arrangement.

[0030] The user equipment 200 transmits and receives radio signals to/from the base station 100 via a cell served by the base station 100. As illustrated, the user equipment 200 is implemented as an MTC terminal installed in a power meter, a water meter or a gas meter, for example, and may be, but is not limited to, any appropriate information processing device having radio communication functionalities such as a smartphone, a cellular phone, a tablet, a mobile router and a wearable terminal. Also, the user equipment 200 may be of a normal type supporting the system bandwidth (20 MHz or the like in the LTE system) or of a low-cost (LC) type supporting only a limited frequency bandwidth (1.4 MHz or the like, for example). Furthermore, the user equipment 200 may be of an enhanced coverage (EC) type having a coverage enhancement function.

[0031] As illustrated in FIG. 2C, the user equipment 200 is arranged with a processor 201, a memory device 202 such as a RAM (Random Access Memory) or a flash memory, a communication circuit 203 for transmitting and receiving radio signals to/from the base station 100, a user interface 204 such as an input and output device, and so on. For example, functions and operations of the user equipment 200 as stated below may be implemented by the processor 201 processing or executing data and/or programs stored in the memory device 202. However, the user equipment 200 is not limited to the above-stated hardware arrangement and may be formed of circuits for implementing one or more of operations as stated below.

[0032] Next, the base station according to one embodiment of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 3-6. FIG. 3 is a block diagram for illustrating an arrangement of the base station according to one embodiment of the present invention.

[0033] As illustrated in FIG. 3, the base station 100 has a communication control unit 110 and a broadcast information transmission unit 120.

[0034] The communication control unit 110 controls radio communication with the user equipment 200. Specifically, the communication control unit 110 transmits and receives various control signals and data signals to and from the user equipment 200 connecting to one or more cells.

[0035] The broadcast information transmission unit 120 transmits broadcast information. Also, the broadcast infor-

mation transmission unit **120** includes scheduling information for second system information in first system information and broadcasts the second system information in accordance with the scheduling information. In other words, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** periodically broadcasts cell information on individual cells served by the base station **100** in master information blocks (MIB) and system information blocks (SIB1, SIB2, . . .). Specifically, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** repeatedly transmits the MIB at a predetermined cycle such as 40 ms and includes the scheduling information indicative of transmission opportunities of the SIB1 in the MIB. Furthermore, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** repeatedly transmits the SIB1 in accordance with the scheduling information and includes the scheduling information indicative of transmission opportunities of subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) in the SIB1. Here, the SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) other than the SIB1 is stored and transmitted in system information (SI) messages (SI message) in accordance with mapping indicated in the scheduling information for the SIB1.

[0036] In one embodiment, the scheduling information may identify subframes for repeatedly transmitting the second system information. For example, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** may include scheduling information indicative of subframes for transmitting the subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) in the SIB1. The user equipment **200** can identify the subframes for transmitting the subsequent SIBx based on the scheduling information and receive the subsequent SIBx in the identified subframes. Specifically, the user equipment **200** can receive the SIBx stored in respective SI messages in the identified subframes in accordance with the mapping indicated in the scheduling information.

[0037] Here, the repeatedly transmitted subframes may be identified with a window length, a repetition cycle and a transmission start timing for transmission of the second system information. In other words, the scheduling information may include the window length, the repetition cycle and the transmission start timing for transmitting the second system information. As stated above, the SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) are stored and transmitted in the SI messages, and the respective SI messages are repeatedly transmitted within a system information (SI) window. For example, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** may broadcast the SIB1 including the scheduling information (SchedulingInfo) having a signaling data structure as illustrated in FIG. 4. As illustrated, the scheduling information (SchedulingInfo) may have a window length (si-WindowLength) of the SI window, a cycle (si-RepetitionInterval) of repeated transmission of the SI messages within the SI window and a start subframe (si-RepetitionOffset) of transmission of the SI messages. Conventionally, the SI window is configured in common to all the SI messages. According to the present embodiment, however, different window lengths can be configured for the respective SI messages, and the user equipment **200** can identify transmission timings of the SI messages repeatedly transmitted within the SI window based on the scheduling information.

[0038] Specifically, the SI messages are transmitted in subframes X to satisfy

$$\text{si-RepetitionOffset} = X \bmod (\text{si-RepetitionInterval}),$$

where $0 \leq X \leq \text{si-WindowLength} - 1$.

[0039] For example, if si-WindowLength=10 ms, si-RepetitionInterval=1 and si-RepetitionOffset=0 are configured in the scheduling information, the SI messages are transmitted in all subframes within the SI window as illustrated in FIG. 5. In the case where the base station **100** can transmit the broadcast information for normal type of user equipment **200** supporting a system bandwidth (20 MHz or the like) and the limited bandwidth broadcast information for LC type of user equipment **200** supporting only a limited frequency bandwidth (1.4 MHz or the like), for example, the broadcast information transmission unit **120** may transmit the SI messages having six resource blocks (RB) in size, as considered for the transmission and reception bandwidth of 1.4 MHz for the limited bandwidth broadcast information, as illustrated.

[0040] Also, if si-WindowLength=10 ms, si-RepetitionInterval=2 and si-RepetitionOffset=0 are configured in the scheduling information, the SI messages are alternately transmitted five times from the first subframe in the SI window, as illustrated in FIG. 6.

[0041] Next, the user equipment according to one embodiment of the present invention is described with reference to FIG. 7. FIG. 7 is a block diagram for illustrating an arrangement of the user equipment according to one embodiment of the present invention.

[0042] As illustrated in FIG. 7, the user equipment **200** has a transmission and reception unit **210** and a broadcast information reception unit **220**.

[0043] The transmission and reception unit **210** transmits and receives radio signals to and from the base station **100**. Specifically, in downlink communication, the transmission and reception unit **210** receives various downlink channels such as a PDCCH (Physical Downlink Control Channel) and/or a PDSCH (Physical Downlink Shared Channel) from the base station **100**. On the other hand, in uplink communication, the transmission and reception unit **210** transmits various uplink channels such as a PUCCH (Physical Uplink Control Channel) and/or a PUSCH (Physical Uplink Shared Channel) to the base station **100**.

[0044] The broadcast information reception unit **220** receives broadcast information from the base station **100** and receives second system information in accordance with scheduling information for the second system information included in first system information received from the base station **100**. Specifically, the broadcast information reception unit **220** receives cell information on a visited cell through the MIB and the SIBx (SIB1, SIB2, . . .). In LTE standard, the broadcast information reception unit **220** receives the MIB repeatedly transmitted at a predetermined cycle such as 40 ms and receives the SIB1 in accordance with the scheduling information indicative of transmission opportunities of the SIB1 in the MIB. Furthermore, the broadcast information reception unit **220** receives the SIB1 repeatedly transmitted in accordance with the scheduling information and receives the SIBx repeatedly transmitted in accordance with the scheduling information in the SIB 1 for indicating transmission opportunities of the subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .). At this time, the SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) other than the SIB1 is stored and transmitted in system information (SI) messages (SI messages) in accordance with mapping indicated in the scheduling information for the SIB1, and the broadcast information reception unit **220** receives the respective SI messages stored in the mapped SIBx.

[0045] In one embodiment, the scheduling information may identify subframes for repeatedly transmitting the second system information. For example, upon receiving the SIB1, the broadcast information reception unit 220 can retrieve scheduling information indicative of the subframes for repeatedly transmitting the subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) and receive the SIBx in the subframes for transmitting the subsequent SIBx based on the retrieved scheduling information.

[0046] Here, the repeatedly transmitted subframes may be identified with a window length, a repetition cycle and a transmission start timing for transmission of the second system information. In other words, the scheduling information may include the window length, the repetition cycle and the transmission start timing for transmitting the second system information. As stated above, the SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) are stored and transmitted in the SI messages, and the respective SI messages are repeatedly transmitted within a system information (SI) window. For example, upon receiving the SIB1 having a signaling data structure as illustrated in FIG. 4, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may retrieve the scheduling information (SchedulingInfo) from the received SIB1 and identify a window length (si-WindowLength) of the SI window, a cycle (si-RepetitionInterval) of repeated transmission of the SI messages within the SI window and a start subframe (si-RepetitionOffset) of transmission of the SI messages from the retrieved scheduling information.

[0047] Conventionally, the SI window is configured in common to all the SI messages. According to the present embodiment, however, different window lengths can be configured for the respective SI messages. The broadcast information reception unit 220 can identify transmission timings of the SI messages repeatedly transmitted within the SI window based on the scheduling information.

[0048] Specifically, the SI messages are transmitted in subframes X to satisfy

$$\text{si-RepetitionOffset} = X \bmod (\text{si-RepetitionInterval}),$$

where $0 \leq X \leq \text{si-WindowLength} - 1$.

[0049] In one embodiment, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may soft-combine the second system information repeatedly received within a window for transmitting the second system information. In other words, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may receive and combine the SIBx repeatedly transmitted in accordance with the scheduling information within the respective SI windows. For example, in the example as illustrated in FIG. 5, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may restore the SIBx mapped in the SI messages by soft-combining ten received SI messages to receive the ten SI messages within the SI window having the window length of 10 ms. Also, in the example as illustrated in FIG. 6, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may restore the SIBx mapped in the SI messages by soft-combining five received SI messages to receive the five SI messages within an SI window having a window length of 10 ms.

[0050] In other embodiments, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may soft-combine the second system information repeatedly received across multiple windows for transmitting the second system information. In other words, the broadcast information reception unit 220 may soft-combine the SIBx repeatedly transmitted in accordance with the scheduling information across multiple SI win-

dows. For example, the present embodiment may be preferred in cases where the SI messages cannot be successfully arranged with the above-stated intra-window soft-combining, for example, the case where the communication state is not good or the case where the user equipment 200 receives the limited bandwidth broadcast information. In other words, the SI message can be arranged with a larger number of SI messages by soft-combining the repeatedly received SI messages across multiple windows.

[0051] Next, broadcast information transmission and reception operations according to one embodiment of the present invention are described with reference to FIG. 8. FIG. 8 is a sequence diagram for illustrating the broadcast information transmission and reception operations according to one embodiment of the present invention.

[0052] As illustrated in FIG. 8, at step S101, the base station 100 broadcasts the first system information and the second system information. Here, the first system information includes scheduling information for the second system information. Specifically, the base station 100 repeatedly transmits SIBx mapped SI messages within SI windows. For example, the base station 100 repeatedly transmits the MIB including the scheduling information indicative of transmission opportunities of the SIB1 and the SIB1 including the scheduling information indicative of transmission opportunities of the subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) at a predetermined cycle such as 40 ms. Here, the SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) other than the SIB1 are stored and transmitted in the SI messages in accordance with mapping indicated in the scheduling information for the SIB1.

[0053] Also, the scheduling information for the SIB1 may identify subframes for repeatedly transmitting the subsequent SIBx. For example, the scheduling information may include window lengths of SI windows for transmitting the respective SI messages, repetition cycles of the SI messages repeatedly transmitted within the SI windows and transmission start timings (subframes) of the SI messages within the SI windows. According to LTE standard, the scheduling information is indicated to the user equipment 200 with a signaling data structure as illustrated in FIG. 4, and the base station 100 broadcasts the respective SIBx mapped SI messages in accordance with the indicated scheduling information.

[0054] At step S102, the user equipment 200 receives the first system information and the second system information, and the second system information is received in accordance with the scheduling information included in the first system information. Specifically, the user equipment 200 receives the subsequent SIBx (SIB2, SIB3, . . .) in accordance with the scheduling information for the SIB1 and arranges the SI message by soft-combining the repeatedly received SI messages within the SI window. For example, it is assumed that the scheduling information (SchedulingInfo) for the SIB1 includes a window length (si-WindowLength) of a SI window of each SI message, a repetition cycle (si-RepetitionInterval) of the SI message and a transmission start timing (si-RepetitionOffset) of the SI message. Then, in each SI window, the user equipment 200 may receive the SI messages in subframes X to satisfy

$$\text{si-RepetitionOffset} = X \bmod (\text{si-RepetitionInterval}),$$

where $0 \leq X \leq \text{si-WindowLength} - 1$ and arrange the SI message by soft-combining the SI messages received within the SI window. However, the present invention is not limited to

the above, and for example, the user equipment **200** may soft-combine the SI messages repeatedly received across multiple SI windows.

[0055] As illustrated, the above-stated steps **S101** and **S102** may be repeated for each transmission cycle of the SI messages.

[0056] The above-stated embodiments have been focused on the LTE system and the LTE-Advanced system, but the present invention is not limited to them. For example, the present invention may be applied to a radio communication system using a CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) **2000**, an Ultra Mobile Broadband (UMB), an IEEE802.11 (Wi-Fi), an IEEE802.16 (WiMAX), an IEEE802.20, an Ultra-Wideband (UWB), a Bluetooth (registered trademark) and/or any other appropriate system. Also, the above-stated information and signals may be represented with various different techniques and any of the techniques. For example, data, instructions, commands, information, signals, bits, symbols and chips referred to throughout the above description may be represented with voltages, currents, electromagnetic waves, magnetic fields or magnetic particles, optical fields or photons or any combination thereof. Also, software or instructions can be also transmitted via a transferring medium. For example, if the software is transmitted from a website, a server or other remote sources by using a coaxial cable, an optical fiber cable, a twist pair, a digital subscriber line (DSL) or wireless techniques such as infrared light, radio waves and microwaves, the coaxial cable, the optical fiber cable, the twist pair, the digital subscriber line (DSL) or the wireless techniques such as infrared light, radio waves and microwaves may be included within the scope of the transferring medium.

[0057] Although the embodiments of the present invention have been described in detail, the present invention is not limited to the above-stated specific embodiments, and various modifications and variations can be made within the spirit of the present invention as recited in claims.

[0058] This international patent application is based on and claims the benefit of priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2015-100565 filed on May 15, 2015, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

LIST OF REFERENCE SYMBOLS

- [0059]** **10**: radio communication system
- [0060]** **100**: base station
- [0061]** **110**: communication control unit
- [0062]** **120**: broadcast information transmission unit
- [0063]** **200**: user equipment
- [0064]** **210**: transmission and reception unit
- [0065]** **220**: broadcast information reception unit
- 1**. A base station, comprising:
a communication control unit configured to control radio communication with user equipment; and

a broadcast information transmission unit configured to transmit broadcast information,

wherein the broadcast information transmission unit includes scheduling information for second system information in first system information and broadcasts the second system information in accordance with the scheduling information.

2. The base station as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the scheduling information identifies subframes for repeatedly transmitting the second system information.

3. The base station as claimed in claim **2**, wherein the repeatedly transmitted subframes are identified with a window length, a repetition cycle and a transmission start timing for transmission of the second system information.

4. User equipment, comprising:

a transmission and reception unit configured to transmit and receive radio signals to and from a base station; and
a broadcast information reception unit configured to receive broadcast information from the base station, wherein the broadcast information reception unit receives second system information in accordance with scheduling information for the second system information included in first system information received from the base station.

5. The user equipment as claimed in claim **4**, wherein the scheduling information identifies subframes for repeatedly transmitting the second system information.

6. The user equipment as claimed in claim **5**, wherein the repeatedly transmitted subframes are identified with a window length, a repetition cycle and a transmission start timing for transmission of the second system information.

7. The user equipment as claimed in claim **4**, wherein the broadcast information reception unit soft-combines the second system information repeatedly received within a window to transmit the second system information.

8. A broadcast information transmission and reception method, comprising:

broadcasting, by a base station, first system information and second system information, wherein the first system information includes scheduling information for the second system information; and

receiving, by user equipment, the first system information and the second system information, wherein the second system information is received in accordance with the scheduling information in the first system information.

9. The user equipment as claimed in claim **5**, wherein the broadcast information reception unit soft-combines the second system information repeatedly received within a window to transmit the second system information.

10. The user equipment as claimed in claim **6**, wherein the broadcast information reception unit soft-combines the second system information repeatedly received within a window to transmit the second system information.

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