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ABSTRACT

Ventilating system for introducing outdoor air and discharging room air, and method for controlling the same, the ventilating system including a duct for making a room and an outside of the room in communication, a ventilator connected to the duct for discharging room air to an outside of the room, and supplying outdoor air to the room through the duct, a window controller provided to each window for opening/closing the window individually, and a controller for controlling the ventilator and the window controller for ventilating the room. The method for controlling a ventilating system includes the steps of measuring conditions of room air and outdoor air, determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate according to the measured conditions, and ventilating the room by opening/closing the window automatically, and putting a ventilator into operation according to a result of determination.

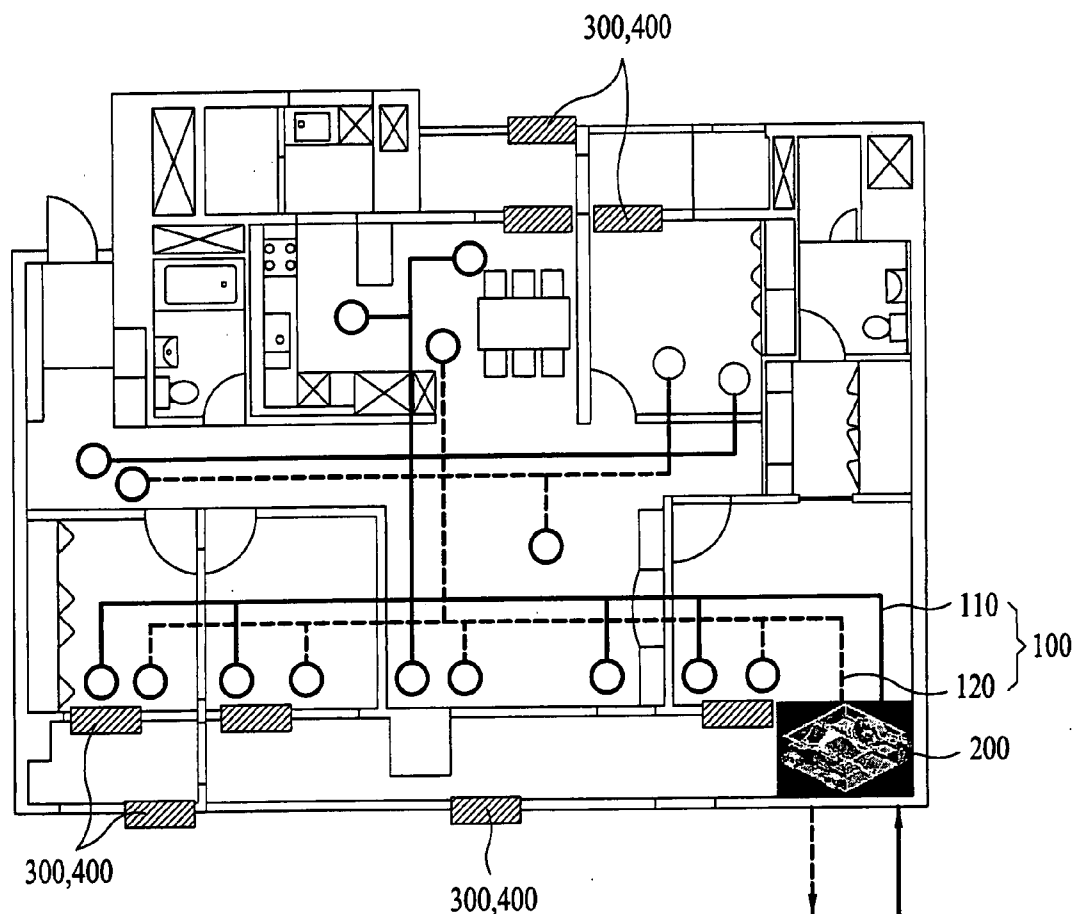


FIG. 1

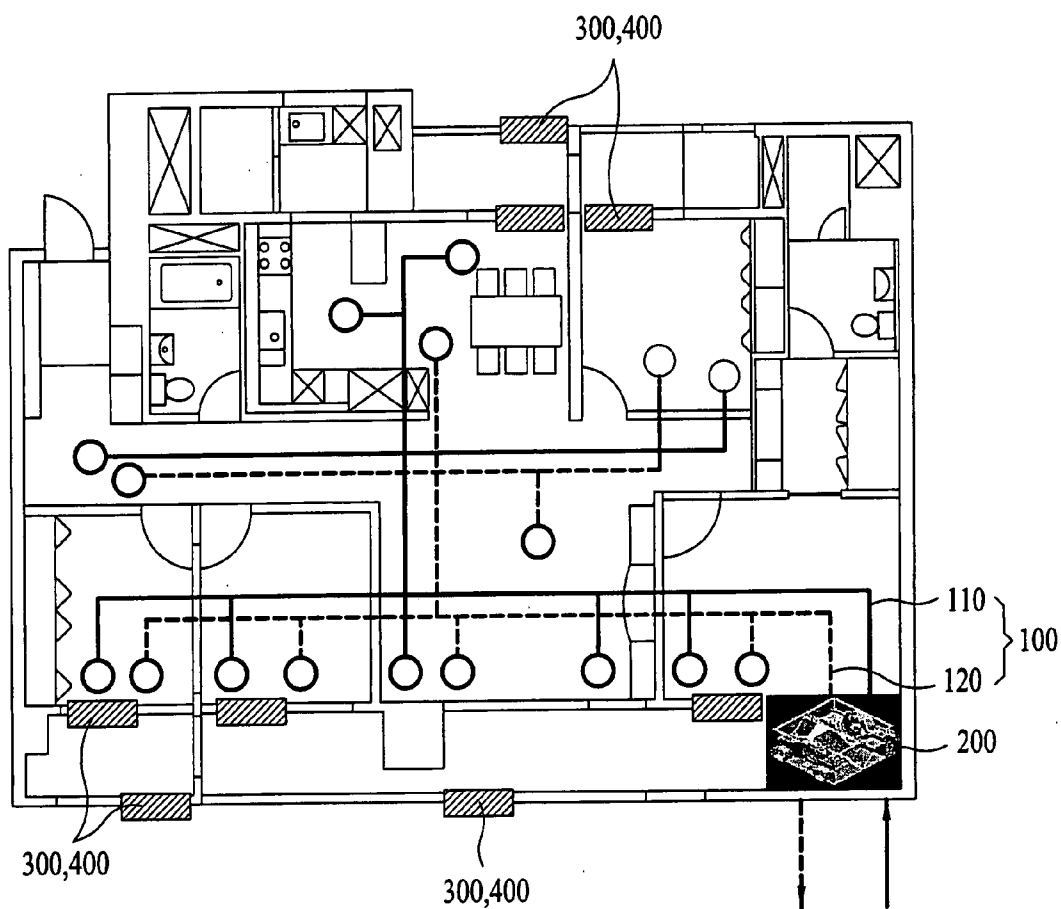


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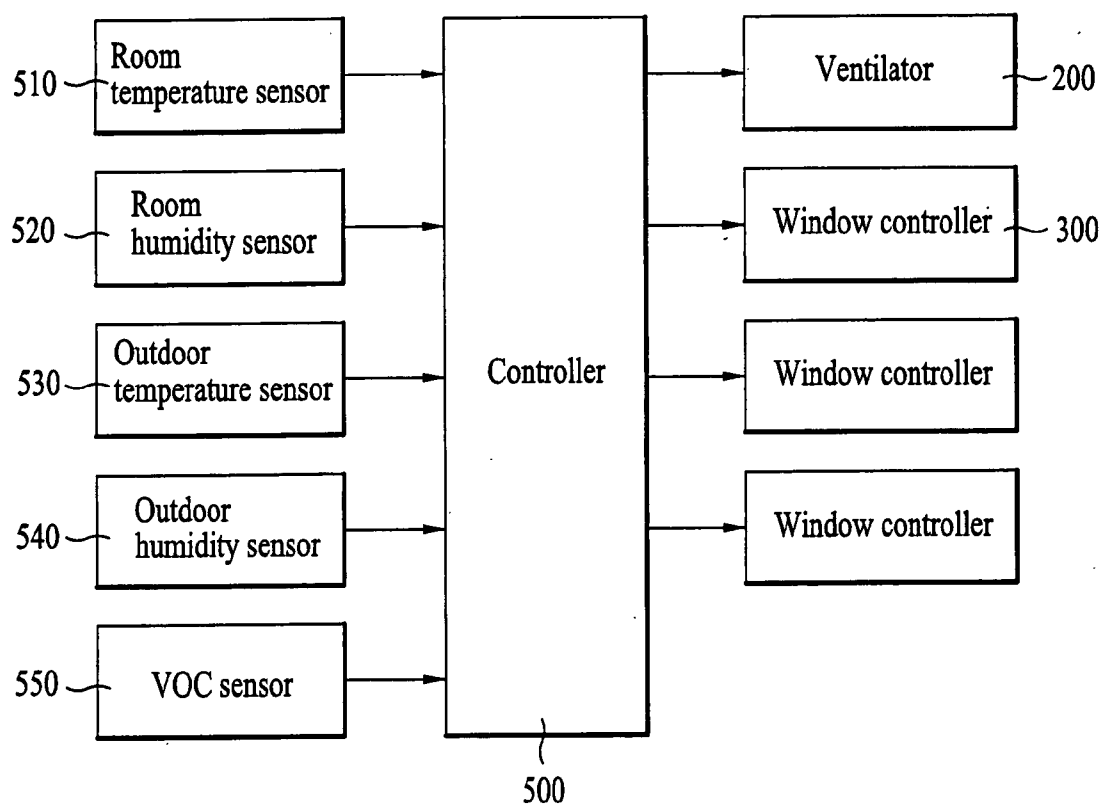


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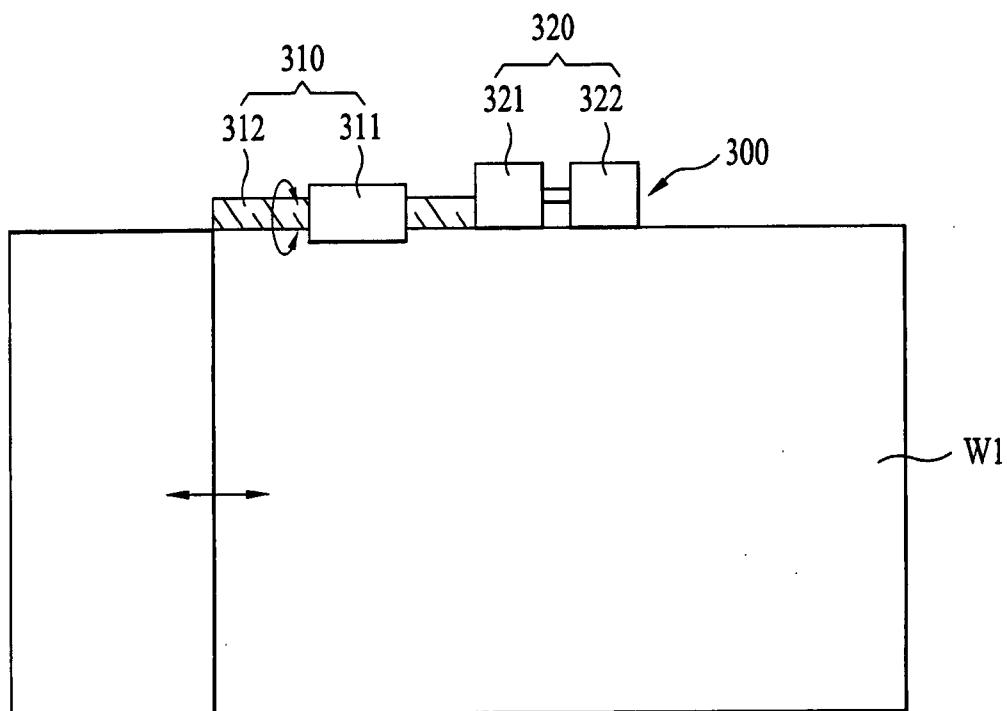


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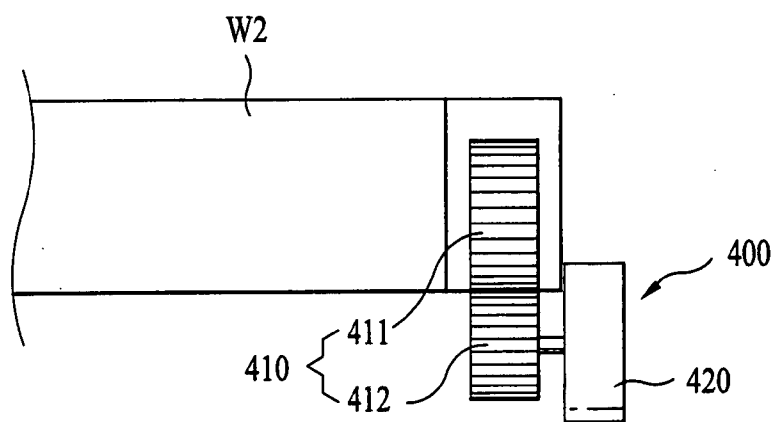
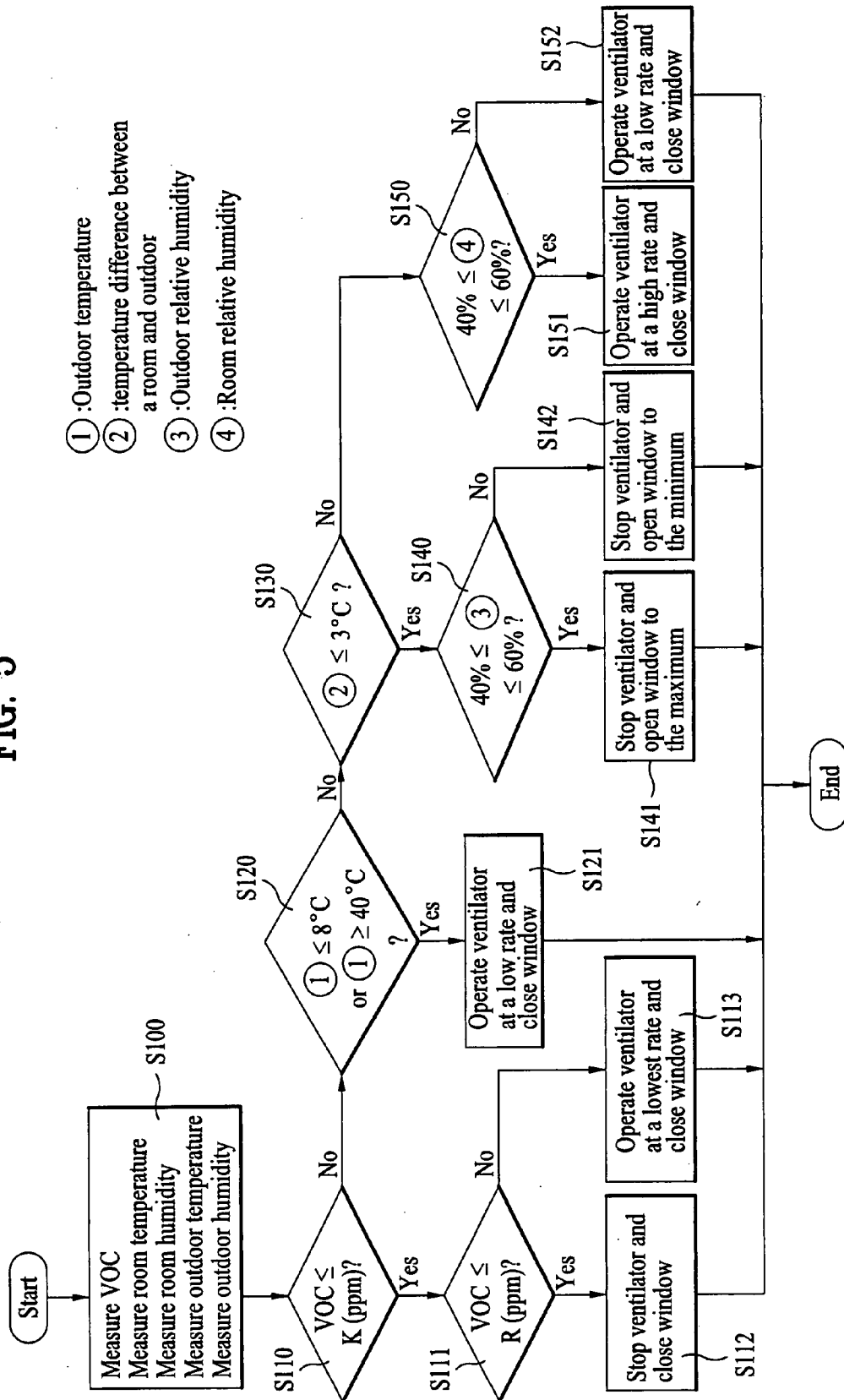


FIG. 5



VANTILATING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application is a Divisional of co-pending application Ser. No. 11/147,431 filed on Jun. 8, 2005, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120; and this application claims priority of Application No. P2005-0012316 filed in Korea on Feb. 15, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. § 119; the entire contents of all are hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to ventilating systems, and more particularly, to a ventilating system for introducing outdoor air and discharging room air, and a method for controlling the same.

[0004] 2. Discussion of the Related Art

[0005] A ventilating system is provided to a general house or an apartment for ventilating rooms. Such a ventilating system is provided with a duct that forms a moving passage of air. The ventilating system is provided with, in general, an air supply fan and an air discharge fan, and the duct is, in general, provided with an air supply duct and an air discharge duct. In operation, when the air supply fan is driven, outdoor air is supplied to the room through the air supply duct, and when the air discharge fan is driven, the room air is discharged to an outside of the room, thereby ventilating the room.

[0006] In the meantime, in case of a new building, there are much Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), such as formaldehyde, emitted from various construction materials. It is known that such volatile organic compounds cause dermatitis, and cancer. In a case there are much volatile organic compounds in the room, it is required to ventilate the room, quickly.

[0007] However, sizes of the air supply, and discharge ducts, and outputs of the air supply fan and the air discharge fan are fixed already, an amount of outdoor air supplyable in a unit time period, and an amount of room air dischargeable to an outside of the room in a unit time period, are limited. Therefore, in a case the room air is polluted heavily, the room can not be ventilated, quickly. In order to solve such a problem, it is required to design the air supply, and the air discharge ducts larger, and provide larger capacity air supply fan, and air discharge fan. However, in this case bulky ventilating system and ducts impedes easy mounting thereof.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] Accordingly, the present invention is directed to a ventilating system, and a method for controlling the same that substantially obviates one or more problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

[0009] An object of the present invention is to provide a ventilating system, and a method for controlling the same, which can ventilate a room when the room is polluted heavily.

[0010] Another object of the present invention is to provide a ventilating system for introducing outdoor air and discharging room air, and a method for controlling the same, which can ventilate a room taking a content of volatile organic compounds of room air into account.

[0011] A further object of the present invention is to provide a ventilating system, and a method for controlling the same, which can improve a ventilating capability of the ventilating system without providing larger ventilating system and ducts.

[0012] Additional advantages, objects, and features of the invention will be set forth in part in the description which follows and in part will become apparent to those having ordinary skill in the art upon examination of the following or may be learned from practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention may be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

[0013] To achieve these objects and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, a ventilating system includes a duct for making a room and an outside of the room in communication, a ventilator connected to the duct for discharging room air to an outside of the room, and supplying outdoor air to the room through the duct, a window controller provided to each window for opening/closing the window individually, and a controller for controlling the ventilator and the window controller for ventilating the room.

[0014] The ventilating system may further include a VOC sensor for measuring a content of volatile organic compounds of the room air. The ventilating system may further include sensors for measuring conditions of outdoor air and room air. The sensors include a room temperature sensor for measuring a temperature of the room air, a room humidity sensor for measuring humidity of the room air, an outdoor temperature sensor for measuring a temperature of the outdoor air, and an outdoor humidity sensor for measuring humidity of the outdoor air.

[0015] The window controller includes a control unit for opening/closing the window, and a driving unit connected to the control unit for generating a driving force.

[0016] The window controller makes the window to slide sideways to open/close the window. In this case, the control unit includes a housing connected to the window, the housing having a helical hole, and an elongated screw coupled to the driving unit and placed in the helical hole for moving the window connected to the housing as the screw is rotated by the driving unit. The driving unit may include a driving motor coupled to the screw with a shaft, or a gear box connected to one end of the screw, and a driving motor coupled to the gear box with a shaft.

[0017] The window controller pushes/pulls the window forward/backward to open/close the window. In this case, the control unit includes a driven gear connected to the window, and a driving gear connected to the driving unit, and engaged with the driven gear, for being rotated by the driving unit to rotate the driven gear, for opening/closing the window. The driven gear is coupled to the rotating shaft of

the window with a shaft, and the driving unit includes a driving motor coupled to the driving gear with a shaft.

[0018] The controller determines a ventilating method and a ventilating rate taking the content of volatile organic compounds of the room air, and controls the ventilator and the window controller, accordingly. The controller closes the window when the room air is polluted lower than a preset highest reference value.

[0019] The controller determines the ventilating method and the ventilating rate taking the outdoor temperature into account additionally when the room air is polluted higher than a preset highest reference value, and controls the ventilator and the window controller, accordingly. The controller closes the window, and puts the ventilator into operation, for ventilating the room, if the outdoor temperature is outside of a present range.

[0020] The controller determines the ventilating method and the ventilating rate taking a temperature difference between the room and outside of the room if the outdoor temperature is within a preset range, and controls the ventilator and the window controller. The controller opens the window to ventilate the room if the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is within a preset range. The controller closes the window and puts the ventilator into operation, for ventilating the room, if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is outside of the preset range.

[0021] In the meantime, in another aspect of the present invention, a method for controlling a ventilating system includes the steps of measuring conditions of room air and outdoor air, determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate according to the measured conditions, and ventilating the room by opening/closing at least one window automatically, and putting a ventilator into operation according to a result of determination.

[0022] The step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining a degree of pollution of the room air being within a preset range. The degree of pollution of the room air is dependent on a content of volatile organic compounds of the room air.

[0023] The step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window if the degree of pollution of the room air is within a preset range. The step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and stopping the ventilator if the degree of pollution of the room air is lower than a lowest reference value. The step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a low rate if the degree of pollution of the room air is higher than a lowest reference value and lower than a highest reference value.

[0024] The step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining the outdoor temperature of being within a preset range if the degree of pollution of the room air is higher than a preset range. The step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and putting the ventilator into operation if the outdoor temperature is outside of a preset range.

[0025] The step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining the temperature difference between the room and the outside of

the room being within the preset range if the outdoor temperature is within the preset range. The step of ventilating the room further includes the step of opening the window and stopping the ventilator if the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is within a preset range.

[0026] The step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining outdoor relative humidity of being within a preset range if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is within a preset range. The step of ventilating the room includes the step of opening the window to the maximum if the outdoor relative humidity is within a preset range. The step of ventilating the room further includes the step of opening the window to the minimum if the outdoor relative humidity is outside of the preset range.

[0027] The step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and putting the ventilator into operation if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is outside of the preset range.

[0028] The step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining room relative humidity of being within a preset range if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is outside of the preset range. The step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a maximum rate if the room relative humidity is within the preset range. The step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a minimum rate if the room relative humidity is outside of the preset range.

[0029] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description of the present invention are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate embodiment(s) of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the invention. In the drawings;

[0031] FIG. 1 illustrates a plan view of a ventilating system in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention provided to a building;

[0032] FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of the ventilating system in FIG. 1;

[0033] FIG. 3 illustrates a window controller of the ventilating system in FIG. 1 in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention, schematically;

[0034] FIG. 4 illustrates a window controller of the ventilating system in FIG. 1 in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention, schematically; and

[0035] FIG. 5 illustrates a flow chart showing the steps of a method for controlling a ventilating system of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

[0036] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

[0037] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the ventilating system of the present invention includes a duct 100 making a room and an outside of the room in communication, a ventilator 200 connected to the duct 100, for discharging room air to an outside of the room through the duct 100, and supplying outdoor air to the room, window controllers 300, and 400 mounted to the windows W1, and W2 for opening/closing the windows W1, and W2 respectively, and a controller 500 for controlling the ventilator 200 and the window controllers 300, and 400, for ventilating the room.

[0038] Referring to FIG. 1, the duct 100 includes an air supply duct 110 for supplying outdoor air to rooms, and a discharge duct 120 for discharging room air to an outside of the rooms. At the end of the air supply duct 110 connected to the room, there is an air supply diffuser provided thereto, and at the end of the air discharge duct 120, there is an air discharge diffuser provided thereto. For reference, the air supply diffusers and the air discharge diffusers are marked with circles at ends of the air supply duct and the air discharge duct 120.

[0039] The ventilator is, for an example, installed at a balcony, and has an air supply fan (not shown) and an air discharge fan (not shown). The air supply fan is in communication with the air supply duct 110, for supplying outdoor air to the room through the air supply duct 110. The air discharge fan is in communication with the air discharge duct 120, and discharges room air to an outside of the room through the air discharge duct 120.

[0040] The ventilator 200 may further include a preheat exchanger (not shown). The preheat exchanger is provided to, for an example, an inside of a case to the ventilator 200, for making the outside air being supplied to the room and the room air being discharged to an outside of the room to cross and heat exchange, indirectly. Accordingly, thermal energy of the room air discharge to an outside of the room is recovered by the outdoor air supplied to the room through the preheat exchanger, to improve a thermal efficiency of the ventilating system of the present invention, accordingly.

[0041] The ventilator 200 may further includes a filter (not shown). The filter is mounted on, for an example, the preheat exchanger, for filtering outdoor air and room air introduced into the preheat exchanger. Therefore, the ventilating system of the present invention always supplies filtered clean air only, according to which the room maintains a comfortable state.

[0042] In the meantime, the window controllers 300, and 400 may be provided to some or all of the windows. The window controller 300 or 400 of the present invention is applicable both to a window W1 for opening/closing the window by sliding the window in a left/right direction, and a window W2 for opening/closing the window by pushing/pulling in a forward/backward direction. Such window controllers 300, and 400 will be described with reference to FIGS. 3 and 4, in more detail.

[0043] FIG. 3 illustrates a window control device of the ventilating system in FIG. 1 in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention, schematically.

[0044] Referring to FIG. 3, the window controller 300 can open/close a window W1 by sliding the window W1 in a left/right directions, and includes a control unit 310 for opening/closing the window W1, and a driving unit 320 for driving the control unit 310.

[0045] The control unit 310 includes, for an example, a housing fixedly secured to a frame of a window W1 to be closed/opened by sliding the window W1 in a left/right direction, and a screw 312 connected to the driving unit 320 and engaged with the housing 311. In more detail, the housing has a helical hole in an inside surface thereof, passed through, for an example, the housing 311. The screw 312 has one end connected to a shaft of the driving unit 320, and the other end placed in the helical hole to pass through the housing 311. Therefore, when the screw 312 is rotated by the driving unit 320, rotation of the screw 312 is converted into a linear motion of the housing 311 by the helical hole, to move the window W1 together with the housing 311 in a left/right direction as the housing slides in the left/right direction.

[0046] The driving unit 320 that drives the control unit 310 includes a gear box 321 of a predetermined gear ratio, having the screw 312 coupled thereto with a shaft, and a driving motor 322 coupled to the gear box 321 with a shaft. The gear box 321 has an appropriate gear ratio taking a moving speed of the window W1 into account. The control unit 310 is not limited to this. For an example, the control unit 310 may only includes a driving motor coupled to one end of the screw 312 with a shaft.

[0047] In the meantime, the window controller 300 applicable to a window W1 to be opened/closed as the window slides in a left/right direction is not limited to above example. As another example, the window controller 300 may include a belt, a sprocket, and a motor. In more detail, the sprocket includes a driving sprocket mounted on the motor, and a driven sprocket arranged a predetermined space away from the driving sprocket. The belt connects the driving sprocket to the driven sprocket, and the window W1 frame is connected to the belt. Accordingly, if the motor is driven, the belt rotates together with the driving sprocket, and, according to this, the window W1 connected to the belt moves. As another example, the window controller 300 may include a pinion rotated by a motor, and rack fixed secured to the window W1 and engaged with the rack.

[0048] FIG. 4 illustrates a window controller 400 of the ventilating system in FIG. 1 in accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention, schematically.

[0049] Referring to FIG. 4, the window controller 400 is applicable to a window W2 which can be opened/closed by pushing/pulling the window in forward/backward, and includes a control unit 410 mounted on the window W2, and a driving unit 420 connected to the control unit 410 for generating a driving force.

[0050] The control unit 410 is, for an example, includes a driven gear 411 mounted on the window W2, and a driving gear 412 coupled to the driving unit with a shaft and engaged

with the driven gear. The driven gear **411** is coupled to a rotating shaft of the window **W2** with a shaft, for opening/closing the window **W2** while rotating with the driving gear **412** when the driving gear **412** is rotated by the driving unit **420**. A gear ratio of the driven gear **411** to the driving gear is fixed taking an open/close speed of the window **W2**, and a rotating torque of the window **W2**. The window controller **400**, that can open/close the window, is not limited to above. As another example, the window controller **400** may include a hydraulic cylinder.

[0051] Moreover, though not shown, the window controller **300**, or **400** may further include a safety device (not shown) which senses a portion of a human body, or a foreign matter get in the window **W1**, or **W2**, and stops operation of the driving unit **320**, or **420**, for preventing the user suffering from wound, and the window controller **300**, or **400** from breaking, effectively.

[0052] The controller **500** controls the ventilator **200** and the window controller **300**, and **400** according to conditions of room air and outdoor air. For this, the ventilating system of the present invention further includes a plurality of sensors for measuring conditions of the room air and the outdoor air as shown in FIG. 2.

[0053] In more detail, the sensors are a VOC sensor **550** for measuring a content of the volatile organic compounds in the room air, a room temperature sensor **510** for measuring a room temperature, a room humidity sensor **520** for measuring a relative humidity of the room, an outdoor temperature sensor **530** for measuring an outdoor temperature, and an outdoor relative humidity sensor **540** for measuring an outdoor relative humidity. The sensors are electrically connected to, and makes communication with the controller. The “electrically connected to, and makes communication with” means both wire/wireless communication.

[0054] The sensors may be, for an example, in the case of the ventilator **200**. In more detail, the outdoor temperature sensor **530** and the outdoor humidity sensor **540** are mounted to a first inlet (not shown) through which the ventilator **200** draws the outdoor air, the room temperature sensor **510**, the room humidity sensor **520**, and the VOC sensor **550** may be mounted to a second inlet (not shown) through which the ventilator **200** draws the room air. It is preferable that sensors are mounted such that the conditions of the room, and outdoor air are measured before the room, and outdoor air pass through the preheat exchanger. In the meantime, if the sensors are provided to an inside of the case of the ventilator **200**, lengths of electric wire or communication cable can be made shorter, which enables easy installation of the ventilating system.

[0055] Opposite to this, the sensors may be mounted to the diffusers. For an example, the outdoor air sensor **530** and the outdoor humidity sensor **540** may be mounted to the air supply diffuser, and the room temperature sensor **510**, the room humidity sensor **520**, and the VOC sensor **550** may be mounted to the air discharge diffuser.

[0056] Referring to FIG. 5, after measuring conditions of room air and outdoor air with above sensors, i.e., the temperature and the humidity of the room, and outdoor air, and the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air (**S100**), the foregoing ventilating system fixes a ventilating method and a ventilating rate, or puts the venti-

lator **200** into operation according to measured conditions, and opens/closes the windows **W1**, and **W2** automatically according to the fixed result. In this instance, the controller **500** operates the ventilator **200** and the window controllers **300**, and **400**, selectively, or at the same time.

[0057] When the ventilator **200** is operated, the room air is discharged to an outside of the room through the air discharge duct **120** and the preheat exchanger, and the outdoor air is supplied to the room through the preheat exchanger and the air supply duct **110**, thereby ventilating the room forcibly by using the ventilator **200**. Opposite to this, if the window controller **300**, or **400** opens the window **W1**, or **W2**, the outdoor air is supplied to the room and the room air is discharged to an outside of the room by natural convection, thereby ventilating the room, naturally. In this instance, by controlling degrees of opening of the window **W1**, or **W2**, the ventilating rate can be adjusted, i.e., if the degrees of opening of the window **W1** or **W2** is great, the room can be ventilated, quickly. A method for controlling a ventilating system in accordance with the present invention will be described in more detail with reference to FIG. 5.

[0058] The controller **500** fixes a ventilating method and a ventilating rate according to degrees of pollution of the room air, i.e., according to a content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air. For this, the controller determines whether the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is higher than a highest reference value (**K ppm**) with reference to the value measured at the VOC sensor **550** (**S110**). If the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is lower than the highest reference value (**K ppm**), then, the controller **500** determines whether the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is higher than a lowest reference value (**R ppm**) (**S111**).

[0059] If the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is lower than the lowest reference value (**R ppm**), i.e., if the degrees of pollution of the room air is low, no ventilation is required. Accordingly, the controller **500** closes the window **W1**, or **W2**, and stops the ventilator, for ventilating the room no more (**S112**). However, if the room air is polluted more or less, i.e., the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is within a predetermined range, i.e., higher than **Rppm** and lower than **Kppm**, it is required to ventilate the room slowly. Accordingly, the controller **500** closes the window **W1** or **W2**, and operates the ventilator **200** at a low rate, for ventilating the room, slowly (**S113**).

[0060] As a result of measurement of the degree of pollution of the room air, if the degrees of pollution of the room air is high, i.e., if the content of the volatile organic compounds of the room air is higher than the highest reference value **Kppm**, the controller **500** takes the outdoor air into account additionally in determining the ventilating method and the ventilating rate. For this, controller **500** determines if the outdoor air is within a preset range, for an example, higher than **8° C.** and lower than **40° C.** (**S120**). Herein, the **8° C.** suggested as a lowest reference temperature and the **40° C.** suggested as a highest reference temperature are a temperature people feel chilly, and a temperature people feels very warm, respectively. The lowest and highest reference temperatures may be varied taking environments of the regions where the ventilating system is used, or preference of residence into account.

[0061] When the outdoor air temperature falls outside of a preset range, i.e., when the outdoor air temperature condition is very bad as the outdoor temperature is lower than 8° C., or higher than 40° C., the controller 500 does not open the window W1, and W2. This is because the very low or high temperature outdoor air can be introduced into the room quickly if the window W1, or W2 is opened, to deteriorate the room environment. Therefore, in this case, the controller 500 operates the ventilator 200 at a low rate in a state the window W1, or W2 is closed, to ventilate the room, slowly (S121). Then, the outdoor air having heat exchanged at the preheat exchanger is introduced into the room, to enable ventilation of the room while preventing outdoor air of bad temperature condition from being introduced into the room, effectively.

[0062] When the outdoor air is within a preset range, i.e., an outdoor temperature condition is appropriate, the controller 500 determines a ventilating method and a ventilating rate taking a temperature difference between the room and outside of the room into account, additionally. For this, the controller 500 determines whether the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is below, for an example, 3° C. or not (S130).

[0063] If the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is below 3° C., the room temperature condition does not become poor substantially even if outdoor air is introduced into the room, directly. Therefore, the controller 500 opens the window W1 or W2 for ventilating polluted room, quickly. In this instance, as an adequate rate of ventilation is available through the opened windows W1 and W2, the ventilator 200 is not operated. However, if required, the window W1 and W2 can be opened, and the ventilator 200 can be put into operation as well.

[0064] If the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is small, the controller 500 determines the ventilating rate, taking a relative humidity of the outdoor air introduced into the room through the window W1 and W2 into account, additionally. For this, the controller 500 determines whether the relative humidity of the outdoor air is within a preset range, for an example, higher than 40% and lower than 60% (S140).

[0065] If the relative humidity of the outdoor air is within a preset range, the room environment does not change suddenly even if a large amount of outdoor air is introduced into the room at a time. Accordingly, in this case, the controller 500 opens the window W1, and W2 to the highest, and, as described before, the ventilator 200 is not put into operation (S141). However, if the relative humidity of the outdoor air is outside of the preset range, the room environment is likely to become poor if a large amount of the outdoor air is introduced into the room at a time. Accordingly, in this case, the controller 500 opens the window W1, and W2 to the lowest, and, as described before, the ventilator 200 is not put into operation (S142).

[0066] In the meantime, if the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is outside of the preset range, for an example, exceeds by 3° C., the room environment can be changed suddenly, if the window W1, and W2 is opened to introduce the outdoor air into the room, directly. Therefore, in this case, the controller 500 determines the ventilating rate of the ventilator 200 taking the relative humidity of the room air into account additionally in

a state the windows W1 and W2 are closed. For this, the controller 500 determines whether the relative humidity of the room air is within a preset range, for an example, higher than 40% and lower than 60% (S150).

[0067] If the relative humidity of the room air is within a preset range, implying that the room environment is comfortable in view of humidity, a large amount of room air may be supplied. Accordingly, in this case, the controller 500 operated the ventilator 200 at a highest rate in a state the windows W1, and W2 are closed, to ventilate the room, quickly (S151). However, if the relative humidity of the room air is outside of the preset range, implying that the room environment is not comfortable even in view of humidity, it is preferable that the outdoor air is supplied at a lowest rate as far as possible. Therefore, in this case, the controller 500 operates the ventilator 200 at the lowest rate in a state the windows W1, and W2 are closed, to ventilate the room, slowly (S152). In the meantime, if required in the step 150, the controller 500 may determine with reference to the relative humidity of the outdoor air like the step 140 instead of the relative humidity of the room air.

[0068] As has been described, the present invention permits to ventilate a room with a ventilator forcibly, or with a window controller naturally by natural convection. According to this, the room air can be ventilated suitable to conditions of outdoor air and room air. Moreover, when the room is polluted heavily, the room can be ventilated, quickly.

[0069] Moreover, the ventilating system of the present invention can ventilate room with reference to a content of volatile organic compounds of the room air. Accordingly, harm to the resident caused by the volatile organic compounds can be prevented in advance.

[0070] Furthermore, a ventilating capability of the ventilating system can be improved without providing larger ventilator or duct. Accordingly, the ventilator may be installed at a balcony, or the like easily, and the duct can be installed within a ceiling easily.

[0071] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the inventions. Thus, it is intended that the present invention covers the modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A ventilating system comprising:

- a duct which communicates a room with an outside of the room;
- a ventilator which ventilates the room forcibly to discharge the room air to an outside of the room, and supply outdoor air to the room through the duct connected to the ventilator;
- a window controller provided to each window, wherein the window controller opens or closes the window to control to ventilate the room naturally;
- a sensing device which senses pollutants in the room air, and conditions of the outdoor air and the room air; and

a controller which actuates at least one of the ventilator and the window controller to ventilate the room at least one of forcibly and naturally according to a result of sensing by the sensor.

2. The ventilating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sensing device comprises a VOC sensor for measuring a content of volatile organic compounds of the room air.

3. The ventilating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sensing device comprises:

a room temperature sensor for measuring a temperature of the room air; and

a room humidity sensor for measuring humidity of the room air,

4. The ventilating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sensing device comprises:

an outdoor temperature sensor for measuring a temperature of the outdoor air; and

an outdoor humidity sensor for measuring humidity of the outdoor air.

5. The ventilating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the window controller makes the window to slide sideways to open/close the window.

6. The ventilating system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the window controller pushes/pulls the window forward/backward to open/close the window.

7. A method for controlling a ventilating system comprising the steps of:

measuring conditions of room air and outdoor air;

determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate according to the measured conditions; and

ventilating the room by opening/closing at least one window automatically, and putting a ventilator into operation according to a result of determination.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining a degree of pollution of the room air being within a preset range.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the degree of pollution of the room air is dependent on a content of volatile organic compounds of the room air.

10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window if the degree of pollution of the room air is within a preset range.

11. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and stopping the ventilator if the degree of pollution of the room air is lower than a lowest reference value.

12. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a low rate if the degree of pollution of the room air is higher than a lowest reference value and lower than a highest reference value.

13. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining the outdoor temperature of being within a preset range if the degree of pollution of the room air is higher than a preset range.

14. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of ventilating the room includes the step of closing the window and putting the ventilator into operation if the outdoor temperature is outside of a preset range.

15. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room being within the preset range if the outdoor temperature is within the preset range.

16. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of ventilating the room further includes the step of opening the window and stopping the ventilator if the temperature difference between the room and outside of the room is within a preset range.

17. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining outdoor relative humidity of being within a preset range if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is within a preset range.

18. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the step of ventilating the room includes the step of opening the window to the maximum if the outdoor relative humidity is within a preset range.

19. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of ventilating the room further includes the step of opening the window to the minimum if the outdoor relative humidity is outside of the preset range.

20. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and putting the ventilator into operation if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is outside of the preset range.

21. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of determining a ventilating method and a ventilating rate further includes the step of determining room relative humidity of being within a preset range if the temperature difference between the room and the outside of the room is outside of the preset range.

22. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a maximum rate if the room relative humidity is within the preset range.

23. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of ventilating the room further includes the step of closing the window and operating the ventilator at a minimum rate if the room relative humidity is outside of the preset range.

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