

Game Boy inventor killed in car crash

Gumpel Yokoi, the inventor of the Game & Watch, the Game Boy and the Virtual Boy, has been killed in a car crash. Yokoi left Nintendo after the failure of the Virtual Boy, set up his own company, and was producing a pocket LCD 'snake' game.

Yokoi's death followed a minor accident in which he collided with the car in front. While inspecting the damage beside the road he was hit by a passing car, and died in hospital a couple of hours later.

While Yokoi left Nintendo under something of a cloud last year, it's his greatest invention, the Game Boy, that is currently keeping Nintendo in profit in Japan. And even the Virtual Boy was technically excellent, as Wii, one of its biggest fans, will confirm.

