### **Nintendo**



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### About the Company

- Founded in 1889 by Fusajiri Yamauchi
- · Largest video game company by revenue
- Oldest video game company in the world, although it didn't start as a gaming company until the 1960's
- · English translation "leave luck to heaven"
- Has sold over 655 million hardware units and 4.12 billion software units
- Tried several niche market businesses, such as cab services and vacuum cleaners, but they all failed



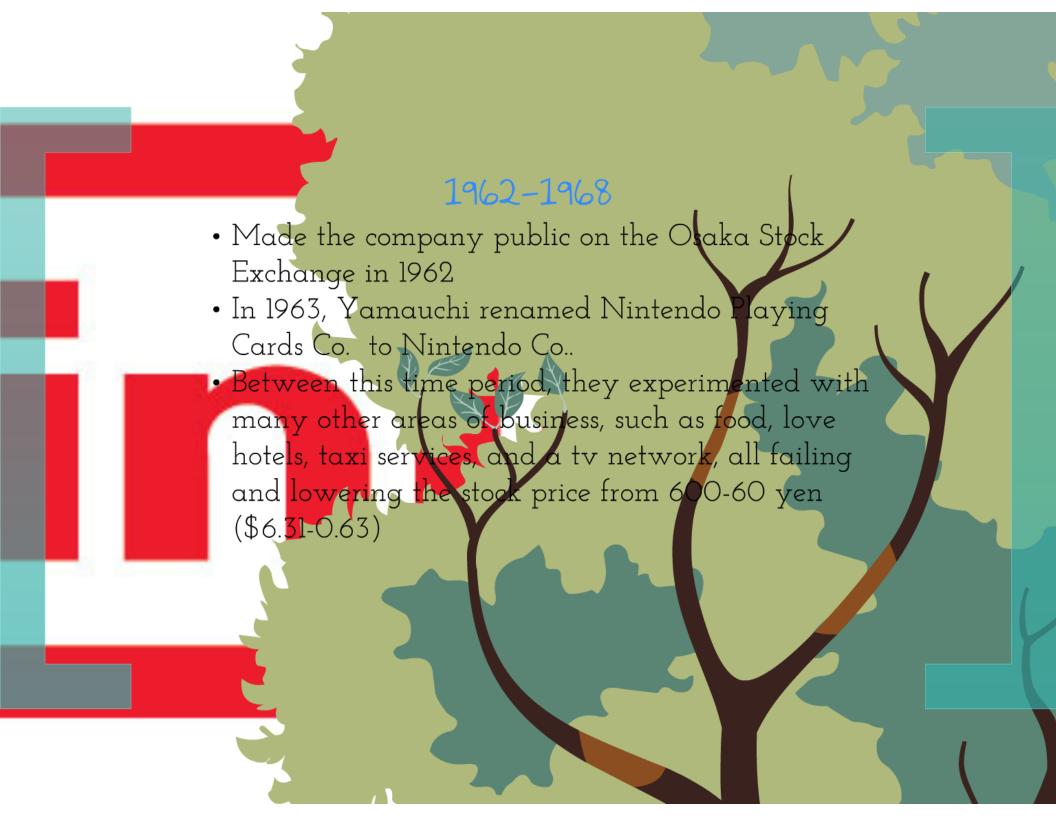
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### Nintendo As a Card Company

- Nintendo started off as a card company in 1889
- Hand-crafted artwork was used in their first card game called Hanafuda, which was really new for the Japanese, and it became very popular
- They made a deal with Disney to put their characters on their cards, was very successful and sold 600 000 card packs in one year
- Because of its popularity, they started to hire people to mass produce them





## Nintendo Toy Industry

 In 1966, Nintendo created the "Ultra Hand", which sold over a million units and brought Nintendo into the toy industry

 Although they manufactured some successful products, they fell behind bigger toy companies such as Bandai and Tomy





# Laser Clay Shooting System

- In 1973, Nintendo started using the laser clay shooting system (arcade games with light gun technology)
- They released these arcade machines in places like bowling alleys
- These games were eventually disbanded because of their high expenses, but this helped them find their place in the video gaming industry

