Smaller, cheaper Nintendo Switch coming this fall before more powerful version: Nikkei

Nintendo’s rumored cheaper version of the Switch is set to be released this fall, according to a report in Japan’s *Nikkei* newspaper. As previously reported, the device is said to be smaller and geared around portable play, but *Nikkei* says it will retain the ability to be hooked up to a TV.

A more powerful “next-generation” version with a major redesign is further off, according to today’s report, although it’s not clear from the language whether *Nikkei* is referring to the enhanced Switch model that *The Wall Street Journal* has reported is likely to be coming this year.

Nikkei’s report largely focuses on the internal culture and future challenges faced by Nintendo. Among other anecdotes, it cites that a major parts supplier for the company only heard last December that development on the mysterious “Quality of Life” business had been halted — five years after it was first announced.

“Quality of Life” involved a sleep-tracking project spearheaded by former president Satoru Iwata, who died in 2015, and Nintendo expressed doubt over its viability soon after. A source speaking to Nikkei now says that the project was canceled because the company wasn’t able to make a “Nintendo-like product.”

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