

**Friday, December 19**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1905: The world's first motorised ambulance service for victims of road accidents was set up in London**

**1863: Linoleum floor covering was patented by Londoner Frederick Walton**

**1906: Leonid Brezhnev was born; he was the longest-serving leader of the Soviet Union after Joseph Stalin**

**1999: China resumed sovereignty over the territory of Macao at the end of 442 years of Portuguese colonial rule**

**2007: Lee Myung-bak was elected President of South Korea with 50 percent of the vote, defeating rivals Chung Dong-young and Lee Hoi-chang**