

Saturday, December 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: Chinese activist Liu Xiaobo was sentenced to 11 years in prison for “subversion of state power”**

1741: The centigrade temperature scale was devised by Anders Celsius

1941: Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese after a 17-day siege

1990: The World Wide Web came into being when British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee implemented the first successful communication between an HTTP client and server via the Internet

2009: A Nigerian passenger, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, attempted to blow up an airliner over Detroit by igniting explosives in his underwear