

A portrait of Xi Jinping, President of China, looking slightly to the right with a faint smile. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. The background is a blurred red flag with yellow stars.

Today in History

March 14, 2013

▲ Xi Jinping formally became President of China, completing the transition of power and putting Xi in charge of all three centres of power in the country

1489: Catherine Cornaro, Queen of Cyprus, sold her kingdom to Venice

1983: OPEC cut its official oil prices for the first time and introduced production quotas

1986: The European space probe Giotto completed its mission by flying into the tail of Halley's comet

2013: Scientists confirmed that the new particle discovered in 2012 was indeed the Higgs boson, named after Professor Peter Higgs