

A close-up photograph of Tsai Ing-wen, the first female President of Taiwan. She is smiling, wearing glasses, and has her hands clasped in front of her. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people.

Today in History

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▲ Tsai Ing-wen was elected the first female President of Taiwan after her Democratic Progressive Party won a majority in the Legislative Yuan

1547: Ivan IV, better known as Ivan the Terrible, was formally crowned as the first Tsar of all the Russias

1872: The Orient Express steamed into Istanbul, becoming the first train to connect Turkey with Europe

1957: Liverpool's Cavern Club, where the Beatles found fame, opened its doors for the first time

2002: The last of the fires blazing around Sydney, Australia, since Christmas was finally extinguished