

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**

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

2003: Turkish MPs approved Recep Tayyip Erdogan, chairman of the ruling party, to succeed as premier

2013: Scientists confirmed that the new particle discovered in 2012 was indeed the elusive Higgs boson

2016: President Vladimir Putin ordered the withdrawal of most Russian military forces from Syria