

An aerial photograph of the Tokyo Tower, a red and white lattice tower, standing prominently in the center of a dense urban landscape. The surrounding area is filled with various skyscrapers and buildings, with a body of water visible in the background under a clear sky.

Today in History

December 23, 1958

▲ The Tokyo Tower, the world's tallest free-standing steel tower, was dedicated in Japan. The 333m comms tower was inspired by the 301m Eiffel Tower in Paris

1888: In a fit of depression Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh cut off his left ear

1938: During the Spanish Civil War, nationalist forces began an offensive to capture Barcelona

1948: General Hideki Tojo, the chief instigator of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour, was hanged for war crimes

2007: Nepal decided to abolish the country's 240-year-old monarchy to persuade former Maoist rebels to rejoin an interim administration