

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

January 16, 2016

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

2001: The Ecuadorian oil tanker Jessica ran aground off the Galapagos Islands, threatening the unique wildlife

2011: Jean-Claude Duvalier, known as “Baby Doc” unexpectedly returned to Haiti after 25 years in exile

2011: Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, one of Africa’s longest serving rulers, celebrated 41 years in power

2016: Crippling economic sanctions on Iran were lifted following the 2015 nuclear deal