



Today in History

September 19, 1996

▲ **The Arctic Council, a high-level intergovernmental forum to improve sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic, was founded in Canada**

1982: The emoticons :-) and :- (were first used to distinguish jokes from serious posts on a college notice board

1991: **Cave paintings discovered in southern France were found to be over 27,000 years old**

2006: A military coup in Thailand ousted Premier Thaksin Shinawatra while he was at the UN in New York

2009: **The first western commercial vessels travelled between Asia and Europe via the Russian Arctic**