



Today in History

January 1, 1502

▲ Portuguese explorers Gaspar de Lemos and Gonçalo Coelho discovered a large bay on the coast of Brazil and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January)

1912: The Republic of China was formally established, putting an end to over 2,000 years of Imperial rule

1942: The “Declaration of the United Nations” was signed by 26 nations

2002: The world’s biggest monetary change saw 12 EU countries swap their national currencies for the euro

2006: Russian gas giant Gazprom cut supplies to Ukraine after failing to reach agreement over a price increase