



Today in History

May 4, 1654

▲ Kangxi, who ruled as emperor of China for 61 years, was born. Under his reign the Qing Dynasty reached the zenith of its social, economic and military power

1839: Samuel Cunard of Nova Scotia founded the Cunard shipping line

1989: The Magellan probe was launched from the Space Shuttle to map the surface of Venus using radar

1994: A historic agreement with Israel gave Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip their first measure of freedom since the 1967 war

2004: Taiwan's parliament passed a law requiring official documents to be written from left to right