

4th of September 1839

The first Opium War between British East India and the Qing Dynasty of China began

6th to 9th August 1945

USA dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan

19th of December 1984

The Sino-British declaration is signed between the UK and the Republic of China. It meant that Britain would relinquish control of Hong Kong to the Republic of China.

1st of July 1997

The British lease over Hong Kong ended, Hong Kong was now a Special Administrative Region under the 'One Country, two systems' principle, which gave Hong Kong large control over itself.

7th of July 1937

Second Sino-Japanese War begins near Beijing with the Marco-Polo Bridge incident

29th of June 1940

First state organised evacuation from Hong Kong of British women and

8th of December 1941

Japan invades Hong Kong

25th of December 1941

Hong Kong surrenders to Japan

7th of December 1941

Japan attacks Pearl Harbour declaring war with USA and Britain

May 1967

Riots began between those who supported the People's Republic of China and the Hong Kong government

1st of October 1949

The People's Republic of China was founded which caused many civilians of China to move to British Hong Kong

May 1942

Schools in Hong Kong reopen under Japanese supervision

3rd of September 1939

Britain declares war against Germany

4th of September 1839

The first Opium War between British East India and the Qing Dynasty of China began

30th of August 1945

Japan surrendered and Hong Kong is returned to Britain