

The Chinese Sayings Podcast

The Great Rejuvenation

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Duō nàn xìng bāng	多难兴邦	Many hardships can rejuvenate the nation
Duō	多	Many, much or more
Nàn	难	Difficult, hard or a calamity or misfortune
Xīng	兴	To prosper, rise, prevail or become popular
bāng	邦	Nation or country
Zuŏ Zhuàn	左转	The Commentary of Zuǒa work that is believed to have been written by one Zuǒ Qiūmíng 左丘明. The Zuǒ Zhuàn is for the most part a commentary on the Chūngiū or Spring and Autumn Annals, attributed to Confucius
Eastern Zhou	东周	The period of the Zhou Dynasty that lasted approximately 770-256 BC. It was comprised of the Spring and Autumn and Warring States Periods
Húběi	湖北	Province in Central China
Húnán	湖南	Province in Central China nordering Hubei to the south
Chǔ	楚国	Ancient kingdom that lasted 1030-223 BC
King Kāng	楚康王	King of Chu from 559-545 BC
Xióng	熊	The surname of all Chu kings
Jìn	晋国	Powerful state that lasted 11th century to 376 BC, located in and around Shānxī Province
Wŭ	吴国	Powerful state that lasted 12th century to 473 BC
Xióng Jūn	熊麇	Son and successor of Chu King Kang
Prince Wéi	公子围	Uncle to Xiong Jun

Zhèng	郑国	Powerful state that lasted 806 to 375 BC
King Líng of Ch ǔ	楚灵王	Prince Wei's title after he usurped the throne. He reigned 540-529 BC
Duke Píng	晋平公	Duke Ping of Jin who reigned 557-532 BC
Sīm ă Hóu	司马侯	Duke Ping of Jin's most trusted advisor
Duke Héng of Qí	齐恒公	Ruler of the State of Qi from 685-643 BC
Duke Wén of Jìn	晋文公	Ruler of Jin from 636-628 BC
Chéngyǔ Yánjiū Zhōngxīn	成语研究中心	The new CSP Chengyu Research Center, now located in a nice part of Beijing