

The Chinese Sayings Podcast

Don't Count Me Out Yet 大器晚成

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Chéngyǔ	成语	A Chinese idiom or saying, usually but not always four characters long
Sān Guó Zhì	三国志 - 魏志	Record of the Three Kingdoms - Record of Wèi
Dà Qì Wă n Chéng	大器晚成	A great talent who achieves renown and success late in life
Dà	大	Big, great
qì	器	Implement, utensil; capacity, talent. Dàqì together means men of great talent or capable people
Wăn	晚	late
chéng	成	accomplish, succeed, become, turn into
Eastern Han Dynasty	东汉	The portion of the Han Dynasty that lasted 23-220 AD
Cáo Cão	曹操	155–220, Statesman, warlord and poet who rose to power towards the end of the Eastern Han and became the effective head of the Han central government during that period. He laid the foundation for what was to become the state of
Cáo Pī	曹丕	187-226, the first emperor of the state of Cao Wei in the Three Kingdoms period of China. He was the second son of Cao Cao
Cáo Zhí	曹植	192-232, Third son of Cao Cao, younger brother to Cao Pi. He was a prince of the state of Cao Wei in the Three Kingdoms period of China, and an accomplished poet in his time. His style of poetry, greatly revered during the
Cuī Yǎn	崔琰	165-216, a politician serving under the warlord Cao Cao during the late Eastern Han dynasty. Cui Yan came to serve under Cao Cao, the de facto head of the Han central government. Throughout his years of service under Cao
Qīnghé Commandery	清河郡	a historical commandery of China, located in present-day southern Hebei and western Shandong.
Yèchéng	邺城	an ancient city located in what is now Linzhang County, Handan, Hebei province and neighbouring Anyang, Henan province. Ye was first built in the Spring and Autumn period by Duke Huan of Qi, and by the time of the Warring
Zhōngwèi	中尉	lieutenant
Cuī Lín	崔林	died 245, Politician of the state of Cao Wei during the Three Kingdoms period. He was known for his scruples in good governance, judgment of character, and for being the first of the Three Ducal Ministers after the end of the Eastern

Zìmíngzhōng	自鸣钟	A mechanical Chime Clock
Níng shí jùzhēn	凝时聚珍	Clockwork Treasures from China's Forbidden City, appearing at the London Science Museum from February 1 to June 2, 2024. For more details: https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/zimingzhong
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