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Qian Xuesen

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Qián Xuésén	钱学森	1911-2009, Chinese aerospace engineer and cyberneticist who made significant contributions to the field of aerodynamics and established engineering cybernetics. He made lasting contributions to aeronautics both in the US and the PRC
jíguàn	籍贯	place of one's birth (or origin), place of ancestry
Hángzhōu	杭州	Capital of Zhejiang Province and site of a few capitals from Chinese imperial history
Qián Liú	钱镠	852-932, a warlord of the late Tang dynasty who founded the Wuyue kingdom. He reigned 907-932
Wúyuè Kingdom	吴越国	A dynastic state during the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms period. It was ruled by the Qian clan of Haiyan (海鹽錢氏), whose family name remains widespread in the kingdom's former territory. The Wuyue Kingdom lasted from 907-978
Tang Dynasty	唐朝	an imperial dynasty of China that ruled from 618 to 907, with an interregnum between 690 and 705. It was preceded by the Sui dynasty and followed by the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms period
Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms	五代十国	an era of political upheaval and division from 907 to 979. Five dynastic states quickly succeeded one another in the Central Plain, and more than a dozen concurrent dynastic states, collectively known as the Ten Kingdoms, were established elsewhere, mainly in South China. It was a prolonged period of multiple political divisions in Chinese imperial history
Wú dialect	吴语	A major group of Sinitic languages spoken primarily in Shanghai, Zhejiang, and the part of Jiangsu south of the Yangzi River, which makes up the cultural region of Wu. Today there are almost 100 million speakers. Shanghainese, Suzhounese, Wenzhounese are dialects of Wu.
Chén Shíyīng	陈石英	1890-1993, Shanghai-born professor of thermal; engineering, educated at MIT, later serving as dean of the Mechanical Engineering Dept. at Jiaotong University
Jiāotōng University	交通大学	A public research university in Shanghai, funded by the Ministry of Education of China. The university was established on April 8, 1896 as Nanyang Public School (南洋公學; Nányáng Gōngxué) by an imperial edict.
Tsinghua University	清华大学	A national public research university in Beijing. The university is funded by the Ministry of Education. Tsinghua University's campus is situated in northwest Beijing on the site of the former imperial gardens of the Qing dynasty
Jiǎng Yīng	蒋英	1919-2012, was a Chinese opera singer and music teacher. She was the wife of Chinese rocket scientist Qian Xuesen, to whom she was married from 1947 until 2009 (his death)