

《“汉语拼音之父”周有光去世，学过拼音的都应叫他一声老师！》

导读:中国语言学家、汉语拼音之父周有光去世，享年111岁。



Mr Zhou and a Communist party committee spent three years developing the Pinyin system in the 1950s.

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It changed the way the language was taught and helped raise literacy rates.

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He died in Beijing on Saturday a day after his birthday, Chinese media reported.

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As a young man Mr Zhou spent time in the US and worked as a Wall Street banker.

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He returned to China after the communist victory in 1949 and was put in charge of creating a new writing system using the Roman alphabet.

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"We spent three years developing Pinyin. People made fun of us, joking that it had taken us a long time to deal with just 26 letters," he told the BBC in 2012.

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Before Pinyin was developed, 85% of Chinese people could not read, now almost all can.

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Pinyin has since become the most commonly used system globally, although some Chinese communities - particularly in Hong Kong and Taiwan - continue to use alternatives.

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It is also widely used to type Chinese characters on computers and smartphones, leading some to fear it could end up replacing Chinese characters altogether.

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