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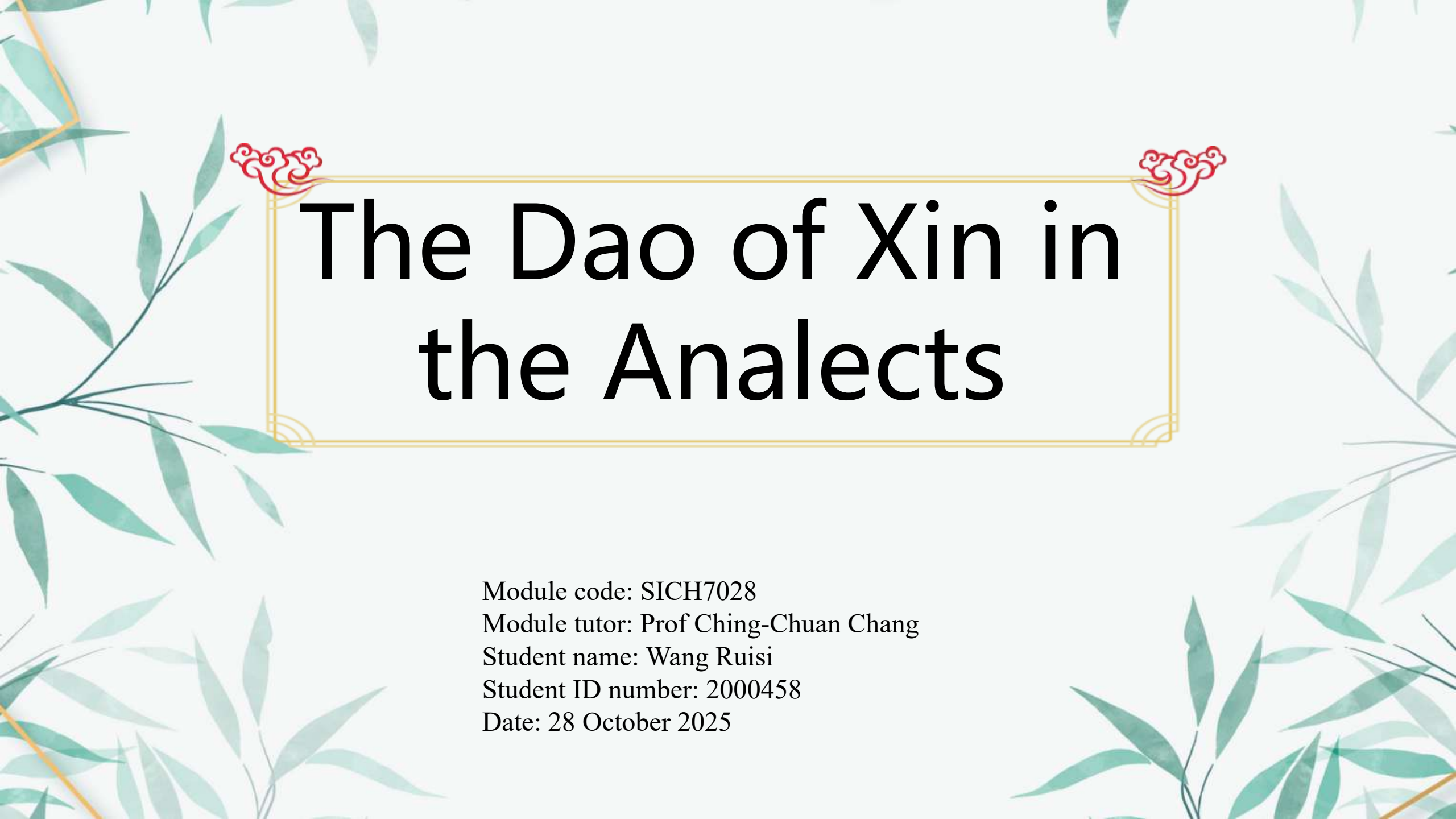
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「人言不欺謂之信。」

——《論語正義》

Trustworthy

not deceive others

keep someone's
word

be honest and
truthful

be sincere to
others

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顏淵季路侍.....子曰：「老者安之，朋友信之，少者懷之。」

——《論語·公冶長》

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「朋友信，已待之以不欺也。」
——《論語正義》

Treating friends without deceit.

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The Master said, ‘I do not know how a man without truthfulness is to get on. How can a large carriage be made to go without the cross-bar for yoking the oxen to, or a small carriage without the arrangement for yoking the horses ?’

**——*Chapter II WeiZheng of The Analects*
(translated by James Legge)**

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治國不可失信，失信則國不立也。
——《論語正義》

A state cannot govern without credibility; should it lose credibility, it cannot establish itself or maintain stable existence.

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「行之於民，必以忠信。」
——《論語正義》

In dealing with the people and administering state affairs, one must always adopt an attitude of loyalty and integrity.

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「上好信，則民莫敢不用情。」

——《論語·子路》

When rulers themselves value and uphold integrity, the people will naturally be moved; none will fail to treat them with sincerity and respond to them in kind.

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「以信待物，物亦以實應之，故上若好信，則民莫不用其情。情猶情實也。言民於上，各以實應也。」

——《論語註疏》

Treat all things with sincerity, and all things will respond with their own truthfulness. Thus, when those in high office uphold integrity, none among the people will fail to respond with their true circumstances.

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「信則民聽不惑，皆為已任用焉。」
——《論語註疏》

When a ruler values credibility, the people will obey his commands without doubt, and willingly submit to his appointments and directives.



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「有子曰：『信近於義，言可復也。』」
——《論語·學而》

復，猶覆也。義不必信，信非義也。以其言可反覆，故曰近義。

復 means “honoring a commitment” 、 “delivering on a promise” .

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「人言不欺為信，於事合宜為義。若為義事，不必守信，而信亦有非義者也。言雖非義，以其言可反復不欺，故曰近義。」

——《論語註疏》

At times, to act in accordance with “righteousness” ,
it may not be necessary to keep promises
Conversely, certain actions, though faithful to one's word,
may themselves be contrary to “righteousness”

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