On the nineteenth day of the first month (February 7), Chu Yu-tun is born in Feng-yang, Anhwei province, as the first son of the Prince of Chou, Chu Su (1361–1425) and his consort, a daughter of Feng Sheng (1330–1395).

Chu Su is ordered to proceed to his fief at Kaifeng.

When Chu Su leaves Kaifeng for Feng-yang without authorization, he is exiled to Yunnan province but actually detained in Nanking, and Chu Yu-tun is put in charge of his fief.

In the third month, Chu Yu-tun is formally designated as heir-apparent to the Prince of Chou. In the twelfth month Chu Su is allowed to return to Kaifeng.

On the third day of the third month, Chu Yu-tun is married to the daughter of Lü Kuei. Later, he and other young princes receive personal instruction from the emperor.

In the second month Chu Yu-tun leads troops to Pei-p’ing.

The emperor dies and is succeeded as emperor by his grandson Chu Yün-wen. In the sixth month, accused of high treason by his second son Yu-hsün, Chu Su and members of his household are arrested by imperial troops and transported to Nanking. Chu Yu-tun accepts the blame and Chu Su and Chu Yu-tun are banished to Yunnan province.

Chu Su is recalled to Nanking and is later freed by Chu Ti, the new emperor. In the ninth month, Chu Yu-tun returns to Nanking and is praised by the emperor for his filial piety.

In the first month Chu Su is reenfeoffed as the Prince of Chou, and Chu Yu-hsün is banished to Ta-li in Yunnan province. In the fourth month, Chu Su and Chu Yu-tun return to Kaifeng.

Chu Yu-tun’s first play, Ch’en-kou-yüeh, is completed.

The play Ch’ing-shuo-t’ang is completed.

The plays Hsiao-t’ao-hung and Te tsou-yü are completed.

The play Ch’ü-chiang-ch’ih is completed.

The play I-yung tz’u-chin is completed.

After repeated accusations that he plans to rebel, Chu Su is ordered to proceed to the capital.

In the second month, Chu Su goes to Court and confesses to his crimes but is pardoned by Chu Ti, who, however, relieves him of his military command.

The play Wu chen-ju is completed. Chu Yu-hsün is allowed to return to Kaifeng.

Chu Su dies. On the twenty-fifth day of the eleventh month (January 3, 1426), Chu Yu-tun in enfeoffed as the Prince of Chou.
1428  Chu Yu-hsün and Chu Yu-hsi are reduced to the status of commoner and detained in Peking.

1429  The play *P'an-t'ao-hui* is completed.

1430  The play *Mu-tan-hsien* is completed.

1431  The plays *T'ao-yüan-ch'ing* and *Mu-tan-p'in* are completed.

1432  The plays *Pa-hsien ch'ing-shou* and *T'a-hsüeh hsün-mei* are completed.

1433  The plays *Fu-lo-ch'ang*, *Hsien-kuan ch'ing-hui*, *T'uan-yüan ch'ing-shou*, *Hsiang-nang-yüan*, *Pao-tzu ho-shang*, *Chang-i su-ts'ai*, and *Ch'ang Ch'un-shou* are completed.

1434  The plays *Chi-mu ta-hsien*, *Mu-tan-yüan*, and *Shih-ch'ang-sheng* are completed.

1435  The play *Shen-hsien-hui* is completed.

1439  The plays *Ling-chih ch'ing-shou* and *Hai-t'ang-hsien* are completed.

On the twenty-seventh day of the fifth month (July 8), Chu Yu-tun dies.