To figure out the cyclical characters for a given day, first find the day in question. For our example, let’s use September 25th, 746. Here it is circled in red. Following along this row of numbers to the far right column, labeled “Cycle” (干支), we find the corresponding number. In this case, it is “46” which is circled in blue here.

Next, go up the column from the red circle to the lunar day, which is circled in yellow here. Add the cycle number (46) to the number of the lunar day (6): 46+6=52. That is the number of the cyclical combination. In our case, the cyclical characters constitute the 52nd combination in the 60 sexagenary cycle (see chart below) from the Sino-Western Calendar for 2000 Years (in the appendices—go to the end of your CD-ROM).
Hence, the cyclical characters for September 25th, 746 are 乙卯 “Yi Mao”.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the (the cycle number) + (the number of the lunar day)>60, then you must use the following formula:

\[(\text{the cycle number}) + (\text{the number of the lunar day}) - (60) = (\text{cyclical combination of that day})\]