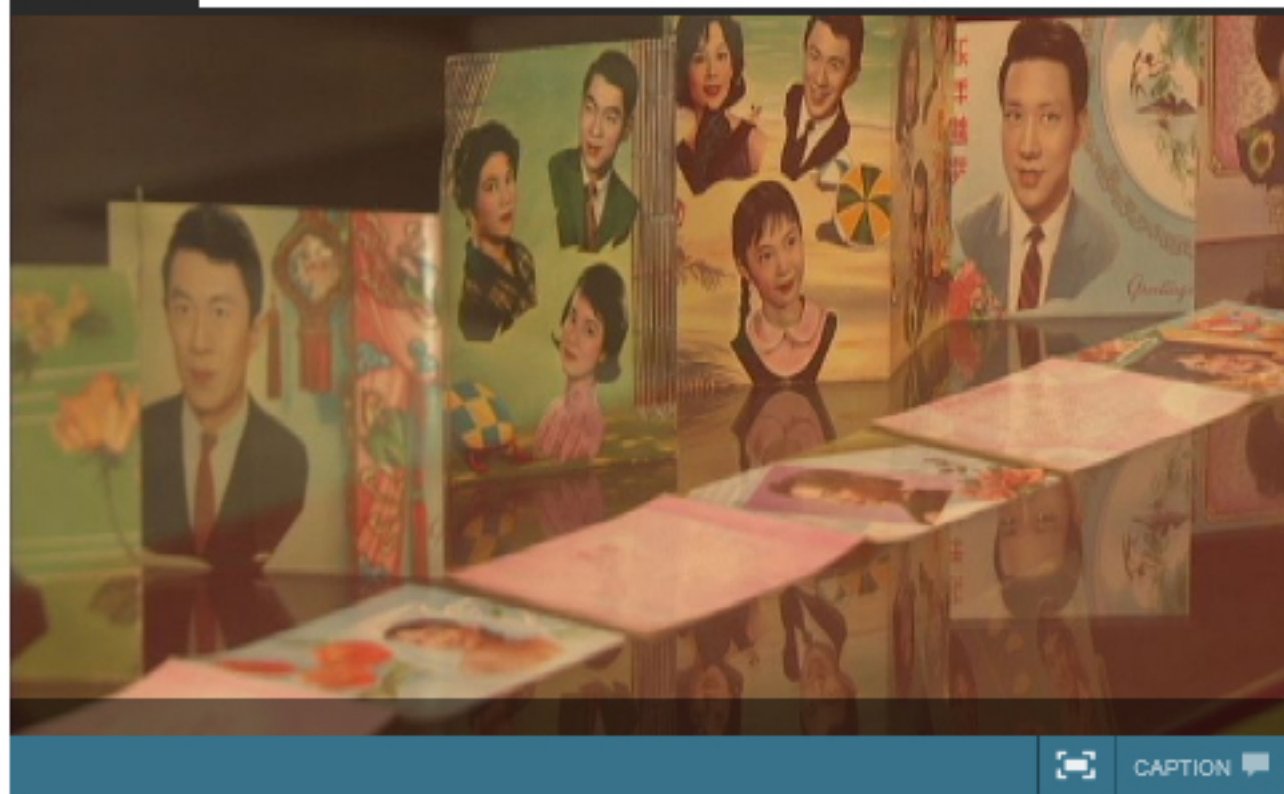


RARE CHINESE NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS ON DISPLAY AT NTU

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SINGAPORE: More than 200 rare Chinese New Year greeting cards from the 1940s to 1970s are on display at the Nanyang Technological University's (NTU) Chinese Heritage Centre.

Some of these cards are more than 70 years old, with each painting a picture of how Singapore has evolved over the years. Some cards had been customised to individual's preferences then, while others feature celebrities or individual portraits.

The month-long exhibition showcases the personal collection of Mr Tan Lai Huat, an avid collector of Chinese memorabilia. He operates a private museum of Chinese artefacts.

The exhibition also kicks off 20th anniversary celebrations for NTU's Chinese Heritage Centre. As part of its anniversary initiatives, the centre also plans to digitalise more than 2,000 early text collections, revamp two of its permanent exhibitions and hold a series of public symposia related to pioneer Singaporeans.

Mr Tan said: "Through this exhibition, we can see two eras - from a migrant society to Singapore's independence. These cards and two eras demonstrate how self-reliant, hardworking, frugal and entrepreneurial the pioneer generation was in Singapore then."