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SINGAPORE : The Singapore Philatelic Museum is holding a year-long exhibition on the origins and practices of Chinese festivals, from 8 February 2007 to 31 January 2008.

The exhibition is called "Spring Flowers and Autumn Moon", and traces the various Chinese customs through stamps.

Enthusiasts can also look forward to the latest Year of the Pig stamp, which the Museum said would be the last issue in the series of zodiac animals.

Stamps from countries such as China, Bhutan, Japan, Australia and the US are also displayed at the exhibition.

The displays are also interactive, where children are encouraged to try on miniature lion dance costumes, for example.

Besides the entertainment value, there is also the educational aspect of the stamps.

Chua Mei Lin, Assistant Curator, Singapore Philatelic Museum, said, "The main reason is to explain to people why we do some of the things that we do during Chinese New Year. For instance, why do we purchase new clothes, why do we do spring cleaning and have the kind of special food that we eat during Chinese New Year."

Pointing to the New Year candy tray, Ms Chua explains, "The lychee means strong family relationships...peanuts mean long life... and the longan - blessings of numerous good sons."

Visitors can also learn more about the significance of food, the origin of the Lion Dance, firecrackers, red packets, flowers and decorations used during the festive season in an open day to be held on the second day of Chinese New Year.

The museum will throw its doors open free of charge on 19 February and usher in the new lunar year with fun and educational activities for everyone. - CNA/ms/yy



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