

Am I Chinese

FYP Proposal

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The background is a textured, abstract composition of warm colors, primarily shades of red, orange, and pink. A thin, bright yellow line starts from the left edge, extends upwards, then turns right and downwards, forming a large, open geometric shape that frames the left side of the page.

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CONTEXT

Singaporean Chinese
Ethnic Identity



I'd like to know...

1. How Singaporean Chinese identify themselves racially/ethnically in current day and age where traditional religion, customs and values have watered down generations?
2. What the future cultural scene will look like in the next 50 years?

Some Interview Questions

Why do you identify as being Chinese?

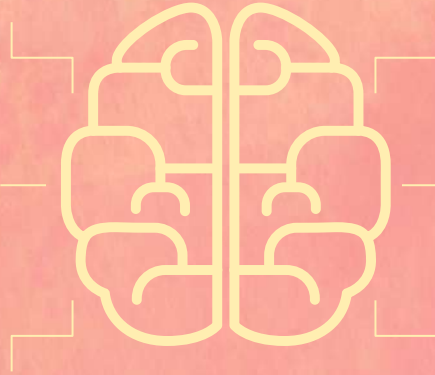
What significance does the preservation serve you?

Do you know the origin to your ancestry?

Do you think these abandoned cultures should be preserved?

What generation of Singaporean Chinese are you?

Will you still celebrate Chinese festivals when your elders are gone?



● 这是你秉持的价值观吗？

Do You Live by These Values?

一些普世价值观自古受到华人重视。这些价值观，出现在中国民间故事里，体现在华人的日常生活中，并通过习俗、教育及家教传承。

许多华人强调以和为贵、顺其自然，这是因为华人所重视的价值观，多源自于中国的三大思想流派——儒、释、道。

你重视哪些价值观呢？这些价值观又如何影响新加坡人的生活方式？

Over the years, the Chinese have come to value certain traits even though they are not unique to any ethnic group. Reflected in popular stories and even stereotypes, these values live on, and get passed down through festivals, schools, institutions and most importantly, within homes.

Many of these values are often based on Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism – three influential schools of thought in China which emphasise harmony in society and the universe.

Which values do you hold dear? Take a peek behind the doors here to explore how these values continue to shape everyday life in Singapore.



我敬老尊贤、以礼待人。
I am respectful and consider others before I act.



我对父母尽孝，也为家庭付出。
I respect my parents and do my best for my family.



我廉洁严明、公平正直。
I act with honesty and uprightness.



我凡事先考虑别人的需要。
I put the needs of others before my own.



我尽忠职守、一诺千金。
I act out of duty and keep my promises.



我关心旁人、爱护同胞。
I care for my fellow human beings.



我不轻言放弃。
I don't give up.



我明辨是非、维护正义。
I stand up for what is right.



知耻之心，让我远离不当不义的言行举止。
I avoid wrongdoing and unprincipled action.



我勤俭节约，反对铺张浪费。
I refrain from extravagance and unnecessary waste.

Taken from SCCC Singapore 人 exhibition



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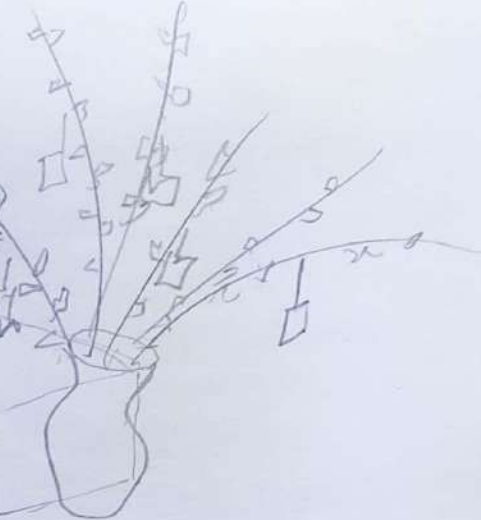
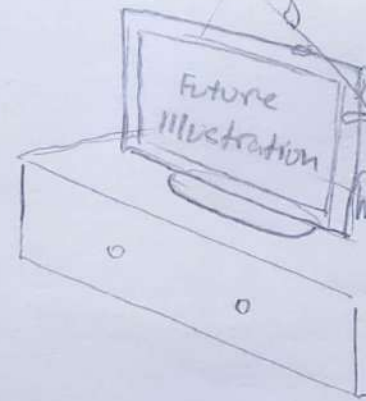
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Domestic Installation

Regular living room with Chinese
New Year decorations juxtaposed
with the indifferent response from
the interview.



TV
Remote Control



Laptop
+
Arduino
concealed
here



Assorted chairs
found in Chinese homes

Sketch

- IR TV Remote controls PC keyboard through Arduino
- Web-based interactive interface hooked up onto tv screen

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Artist Reference

Presenting Database



Algorithmic search for love

by Julian Palacz

<https://julian.palacz.at/en/found-footage/algorithmic-search-for-love>

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PART I

Conducting Interview

Edit/Categorise Audio

Data Compilation

PART II

Research

Sketch

Illustrate

Graphic Motion

PART III

Keyboard Interactive

Attach Audio

Arduino IR Remote

PART IV

Source for Props

Wiring Set Up Test

Actual Set Up



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