# Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

## June 20-26, 2020

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<td><strong>Try this Indonesian drink, it’s more than 1000 years old</strong>&lt;br&gt;The ancient herbal beverage is traditionally linked to Indonesian royalty.</td>
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<td>Laos</td>
<td><strong>Laos launches cultural heritage preservation plan in two provinces</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Ministry of Planning and Investment and the French Development Agency (AFD) have launched a joint project for preserving and enhancing</td>
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**Film Kucumbu Tubuh Indahku (Memories of My Body)**, the film explores the life of a traditional Javanese dancer named Juno, won the 2019 Indonesian Film Festival award.

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<th><strong>When the going gets tough, Art4you Gallery gets going</strong></th>
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<td>UAE-based Art4you Gallery has offered patronage to artists, encouraged their creativity, accommodated their anxieties and displayed their work before Covid-19. Their current offering is a Virtual Art Exhibition as part of its ongoing Online Art Fest 2020.</td>
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<td>Date: June 25, 2020</td>
<td>Source: Gulf Today</td>
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<td>Author: Muhammad Yusuf</td>
<td>Link: <a href="https://www.gulftoday.ae/culture/2020/06/25/when-the-going-gets-tough-art4you-gallery-gets-going">https://www.gulftoday.ae/culture/2020/06/25/when-the-going-gets-tough-art4you-gallery-gets-going</a></td>
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<td>Meet Kel Wen, a Malaysian fashion designer of BEHATI, shares experience of what it is like to be a young creative man in the fashion industry in Malaysia.</td>
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| Myanmar | **China’s contributions to renovate Myanmar's world heritage site strengthen the ‘Paukphaw’ friendship**  
The achievements of a Chinese archeological team carrying out preliminary work to repair temples in Myanmar have made for a great beginning to 2020, which marks the 70th anniversary of China-Myanmar diplomatic ties.  
Date: June 19, 2020  
Source: Globaltimes.cn  
Author:  
Link: [https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1177370.shtml](https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1177370.shtml) |
| Philippines | **This book toasts Art Deco style in the PH. from cinema to cemeteries, in 500+ archival images**  
Art Deco was introduced to the Philippines by American colonial government through the Bureau of Public Works, the architects including the famed Juan Arellano, were tasked to design buildings for government and public use.  
Date: June 23, 2020  
Source: news.abs-cbn  
Author:  
|  | **How one Filipino artist is warding off Covid-19 by making horror-inspired face mask**  
Artist Rene Abelardo has used his artistic skill to produce face masks with various facial expressions to make money during Covid-19 crisis.  
Date: June 19, 2020  
Source: Arts and Culture  
Author:  
|  | **Market day in Dagupan is also art appreciation time**  
Market Art shows colorful social distancing platforms adorned with artworks featuring Dagupan City’s cultural and historical icons are installed in front of nearly arranged market vendors’ carts along Galvan |

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### Singapore

**Museums in a brave new Covid-19 world**

Museums in Singapore start to reopen to the public from today subject to safe management measures to ensure the safety of employees and visitors.

- **Date:** June 26, 2002
- **Source:** The Straits Times
- **Author:** Alvin Tan

### Thailand

**Escape to Bangkok Art Biennale**

Arts events in many countries have been postponed or cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bangkok Art Biennale 2020 is set to return from October 29, 2020 to January 31, 2021 with strict coronavirus measures.

- **Date:** June 24, 2020
- **Source:** Bangkok Post
- **Author:** Suwitcha Chaiyong
- **Link:** [https://www.bangkokpost.com/lifestyle/arts/1893158/bangkok-art-biennale-2020](https://www.bangkokpost.com/lifestyle/arts/1893158/bangkok-art-biennale-2020)
Panel to probe destruction of ‘heritage’

The Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plants Conservation (DNP) have set up a committee to investigate the demolition of a 127-year-old building in the northern province of Phrae.

Date: June 22, 2020
Source: Bangkok Post
Author:
Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1938712/panel-to-probe-destruction-of-heritage

Phrae citizens challenge minister over demolished house

Phrae residents are angry at a claim by the national resource and environment minister that a heritage building demolished this month will be rebuilt to look like the original structure.

Date: June 19, 2020
Source: Bangkok Post
Author:

Heritage loss is shameful

The demolition of a building over a century old, touted as part of the historical legacy of Phrae province by a private constructor commissioned for a restoration project, is causing a public uproar.

Date: June 19, 2020
Source: Bangkok Post
Author:
Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1937416/heritage-loss-is-shameful

Vietnam

Vintage posters of peace remembered in new book

The Vietnam Fine Arts Museum and Fine Arts Publishing House have
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<td><strong>Awakening tourism in heritage village and traditional crafts</strong></td>
<td>Traditional villages possess many cultural values and great potential for tourism development; however, their ways of thinking and creative methods need to be innovated to awaken this potential.</td>
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<td><strong>Vietnamese artworks to be auctioned online</strong></td>
<td>A total 143 artworks by Vietnamese artists in different generations will be auctioned worldwide on June 27 via the Drouot Digital platform in Paris.</td>
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