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## Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

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Country	Headline
Cambodia	<p><b>Cambodia's 'hidden' Angkor Wat</b></p> <p>After hiding his identity, burying his work in the forest and narrowly escaping death, a Cambodia architect built a masterpiece inspired by Angkor Wat.</p> <p>Date: July 17, 2020 Source: BBC Author: Naotomo Umewaka Link: <a href="http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20200716-cambodias-hidden-angkor-wat">http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20200716-cambodias-hidden-angkor-wat</a></p>
Indonesia	<p><b>The Mystery of Gunung Padang, Java and the Cham</b></p> <p>Gunung Padang is located at basalt megaliths on the hillside outside of town. The site was first mentioned in Rapporten van de Oudheidkundige Dienst in 1914. It was also mentioned by Dutch historian named N.J. Krom in 1949. The National Archeology Research Center visited this site in 1973.</p> <p>Date: July 15, 2020 Source: Ancient Origin Author: David Childeress Link: <a href="https://www.ancient-origins.net/history/gunung-padang-0013988">https://www.ancient-origins.net/history/gunung-padang-0013988</a></p> <p><b>Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Backfires to China Claiming Batik</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia has repudiated China's claim on Batik. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>

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	<p>explained that Batik is the legacy of Indonesia’s ancestors and is closely related to people’s daily lives.</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2020  Source: Indonesia Expat  Author:  Link: <a href="https://indonesiaexpat.biz/news/indonesian-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-backfires-to-china-claiming-batik/">https://indonesiaexpat.biz/news/indonesian-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-backfires-to-china-claiming-batik/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Wax-Off: Indonesians furious as Chinese state media claims Batik as traditional craft</b></p> <p>Chinese news agency Xinhua posted a short video showcasing ethnic groups in China decorating cloth using molten wax. This traditional craft is called Batik commonly known among ethnic groups in China.</p> <p>Date: July 13, 2020  Source: Coconut Jakarta  Author:  Link: <a href="https://coconuts.co/jakarta/lifestyle/wax-off-indonesians-furious-as-chinese-state-media-claims-batik-as-national-heritage/">https://coconuts.co/jakarta/lifestyle/wax-off-indonesians-furious-as-chinese-state-media-claims-batik-as-national-heritage/</a></p>
Malaysia	<p><b>Yesterday once more: Artist Kide Baharudin brings colourful small town life to the heart of KL in debut solo show</b></p> <p>Kuala Pilah based art Kide Baharudin basks in scenes of yesteryear with a colorful walk into Malaysia past of a small town and Kampung life in the 1960s and 70s.</p> <p>Date: July 16, 2020  Source: malaymail  Author: Kenny Mah  Link: <a href="https://www.malaymail.com/news/life/2020/07/16/yesterday-once-more-artist-kide-baharudin-brings-colourful-small-town-life/1884984">https://www.malaymail.com/news/life/2020/07/16/yesterday-once-more-artist-kide-baharudin-brings-colourful-small-town-life/1884984</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>The Art of Turning Local ‘Hantu’ Stories Into Fantasy Novels, According to M’Sian Author Zen Cho</b></p> <p>Zen Cho, the UK-based Malaysian author, won the Hugo Award for Best Novelette last year. She is now trying to bring Malaysianess to her novel and make it more fantasy for English speaking readers.</p> <p>Date: July 15, 2020  Source: RojakDaily  Author: Suganya  Link: <a href="https://rojakdaily.com/lifestyle/article/10025/the-art-of-turning-local-">https://rojakdaily.com/lifestyle/article/10025/the-art-of-turning-local-</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">hantu-stories-into-fantasy-novels-according-to-m-sian-author-zen-cho</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>The art of Nusantara living</b></p> <p>Tujuh is a Malaysian heritage apparel label and cultural production pervading contemporary, modern times in total Nusantara style.</p> <p>Date: July 13, 2020  Source: The Sun Daily  Author: Jason Lim  Link: <a href="https://www.thesundaily.my/style-life/fashion-beauty/the-art-of-nusantara-living-YX2808735">https://www.thesundaily.my/style-life/fashion-beauty/the-art-of-nusantara-living-YX2808735</a></p>
Myanmar	<p><b>Repairs almost finished on quake-damaged Bagan pagodas</b></p> <p>There are over 300 pagodas damaged by a powerful earthquake in 2016. The repair project is almost completed; only seven pagodas remain under repair.</p> <p>Date: July 17, 2020  Source: Myanmar Times  Author: Kyaw Ko Ko, Phyo Wai Kyaw  Link: <a href="https://www.mmtimes.com/news/repairs-almost-finished-quake-damaged-bagan-pagodas.html">https://www.mmtimes.com/news/repairs-almost-finished-quake-damaged-bagan-pagodas.html</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Project to restore 2 Amarapura farmhouse</b></p> <p>Experts from the World Monuments Fund will study two farmhouses in Shan Kalay Kyun Village in Amarapura township in Mandalay Region.</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2020  Source: Myanmar Times  Author: Phyo Wai Kyaw  Link: <a href="https://www.mmtimes.com/news/project-restore-2-amarapura-farmhouses.html">https://www.mmtimes.com/news/project-restore-2-amarapura-farmhouses.html</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Khin Za Latt's favourite painting</b></p> <p>Artist Khin Zaw Latt has painted dozens of portraits and self-portraits throughout his career, but his favourite is his most recent self-portraits in gray-tone to represent the worry of Covid-19.</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2020  Source: Myanmar Times</p>

	<p>Author: Lae Phyu Myo Myint  Link: <a href="https://www.mmtimes.com/news/khin-zaw-latts-favourite-painting.html">https://www.mmtimes.com/news/khin-zaw-latts-favourite-painting.html</a></p> <p><b>‘No rain, no visitors and no income’: Bagan adjusts to tourism crash</b></p> <p>In common with popular destinations around the world, Bagan has been hit hard by the economic effects of the pandemic and many there who rely on tourists for a living have had to adapt to survive.</p> <p>Date: July 13, 2020  Source: Frontier Myanmar  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/no-rain-no-visitors-and-no-income-bagan-adjusts-to-tourism-crash/">https://www.frontiermyanmar.net/en/no-rain-no-visitors-and-no-income-bagan-adjusts-to-tourism-crash/</a></p>
Philippines	<p><b>Pandacan Church fire: Heartbreaking loss for culture, heritage</b></p> <p>The Santo Nino de Pandacan, the wooden church built in the 17th century, was fired on July 10 bringing heartbreaking loss for Philippine cultural heritage.</p> <p>Date: July 15, 2020  Source: Lifestyle. Ing  Author: Lito B. Zulueta  Link: <a href="https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/366260/pandacan-church-fire-heartbreaking-loss-for-culture-heritage/">https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/366260/pandacan-church-fire-heartbreaking-loss-for-culture-heritage/</a></p> <p><b>Junyee 1st Mindanao to bag Gawad CCP award</b></p> <p>A pioneer in installation and environment art, Luis Enano Yee Jr., known as Junyee, is one of 12 recipients of Gaward CCp Para Sa Sining 2020, a 3 years grant to artists and cultural workers given by the Cultural Center of the Philippines.</p> <p>Date: July 11, 2020  Source: Lifestyle.Inq  Author: Eric S. Caruncho  Link: <a href="https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/365981/junyee-1st-mindanao-artist-to-bag-gawad-ccp-award/">https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/365981/junyee-1st-mindanao-artist-to-bag-gawad-ccp-award/</a></p> <p><b>Look: Artworks by Pinoy artists in quarantine</b></p> <p>During quarantine, artists turned their experiences of isolation into artworks that resonate with each one of us who has left trapped in this pandemic.</p>

	<p>Date: July 13, 2020  Source: Manila Bulletin  Author:  Link: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2020/07/13/look-artworks-by-pinoy-artists-in-quarantine/">https://mb.com.ph/2020/07/13/look-artworks-by-pinoy-artists-in-quarantine/</a></p>
Singapore	<p><b>“If We Don’t Fight To Do Art In A Different Way, We Will Be Left Behind,” says Ong Keng Sen</b></p> <p>Ong returns as artistic director of the newly rebranded company, leading the arts company in its next chapter with a focus on thought leadership and works beyond theatre.</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2020  Source: Singapore Tatler  Author: Hasirin Nurin Hashimi  Link: <a href="https://sg.asiatatler.com/life/theatre-veteran-ong-keng-sen-offers-a-note-of-caution-to-the-singapore-arts-scene-if-we-dont-fight-t">https://sg.asiatatler.com/life/theatre-veteran-ong-keng-sen-offers-a-note-of-caution-to-the-singapore-arts-scene-if-we-dont-fight-t</a></p>
Thailand	<p><b>Experts denounce religious censorship on modern arts</b></p> <p>A group of academics and experts from Chulalongkorn University told a parliament committee to back off from regulating artistic expression on inappropriate arts creativity on Buddhism.</p> <p>Date: July 13, 2020  Source: Khaosod English  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.khaosodenglish.com/life/arts/2020/07/13/experts-denounce-religious-censorship-on-modern-arts/">https://www.khaosodenglish.com/life/arts/2020/07/13/experts-denounce-religious-censorship-on-modern-arts/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Preserve our heritage, don’t leave it to rot</b></p> <p>A bust of Chao Phraya Kosathibodi (Kosa Pan) was stolen from its plinth on the Rue de Siam in the French city of Brest shocked cultural enthusiasts.</p> <p>Date: July 11, 2020  Source: Bangkok Post  Author: Ploenpote Atthakor (editor)  Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1949568/preserve-our-heritage-dont-leave-it-to-rot">https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1949568/preserve-our-heritage-dont-leave-it-to-rot</a></p>

Vietnam	<p><b>Music house at Hanoi Old Quarter turns up traditional musical instruments</b></p> <p>Ba Pho's Music House is working towards the aim of preserving and promoting the traditional musical instruments of 54 Vietnamese ethnic groups. It is also a cultural rendezvous where Hanoi city dwellers and visitors can enjoy performances using these musical instruments.</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2020  Source: Nhan Dan Online  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8872702-music-house-at-hanoi-old-quarter-turns-up-traditional-musical-instruments.html">https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8872702-music-house-at-hanoi-old-quarter-turns-up-traditional-musical-instruments.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Nightlife entertainment activities to be reopened in Hoi An</b></p> <p>The Hoi An City Center for Culture, Sports, Radio and Television in Quang Nam province had launched a wide range of cultural and arts activities under the project "Night Street" on July 10.</p> <p>Date: July 12, 2020  Source: Nhan Dan Online  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8864202-nightlife-entertainment-activities-to-be-reopened-in-hoi-an.html">https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8864202-nightlife-entertainment-activities-to-be-reopened-in-hoi-an.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Photo contest launched on Buddhism and life in Vietnam</b></p> <p>The Vietnamese Buddhist Sangha has launched a photo contest on the theme of Buddhism and life to mark the upcoming 712th anniversary of the passing of Emperor Tran Nhan Tong, who founded the Truc Lam Zen School.</p> <p>Date: July 10, 2020  Source: Nhan Dan Online  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8857302-photo-contest-launched-on-buddhism-and-life-in-vietnam.html">https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8857302-photo-contest-launched-on-buddhism-and-life-in-vietnam.html</a></p>