### Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

#### July 18-24, 2020

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<td>Cambodia</td>
<td><strong>Short film to shine light on struggles of indigenous</strong></td>
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<td>Inspired by living near and learning about indigenous communities in</td>
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<td>northern Cambodia, Ly Polen, a young filmmaker wrote a film script</td>
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<td>describing their struggles. The film titled “Further and Further Away”</td>
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<td>is about a young indigenous couple preparing to seek better fortunes in</td>
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<td>the city after their rural home is chosen as the site for a development</td>
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<td>project.</td>
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<td>Source: The Phnom Penh Post</td>
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<td>Author: Kheng Sokkunthea</td>
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<td>Indonesia</td>
<td><strong>Larasati’s live auction of artworks slated for late July</strong></td>
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<td>Contemporary Art, to be held in Jakarta on July 25 and available for</td>
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<td>preview online virtual exhibition open on July 16-25.</td>
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<td>Author: Richard Horstman</td>
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<td><strong>Never say dye: Chinese batik claim angers Indonesian netizens</strong></td>
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<td>Indonesian netizens accuse Beijing of cultural appropriation in a video</td>
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<td>clip claiming batik as a traditional Chinese art form.</td>
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## Malaysia

**Ilham Gallery in KL reopens with a visual feast, exploring photography culture in Malaysia**

Ilham Gallery in KL was closed since the implementation of the movement control order on March 18. It is now reopened on July 21 with the photography exhibition Bayangnya Itu Timbul Tegngelam - Photographic Cultures in Malaysia.

**Date:** July 21, 2020  
**Source:** The Star  
**Author:** Rouwen Lin  

## Myanmar

**A look at Yangon’s historic buildings**

The Yangon Heritage Trust and Yangon City Development Committee initiated Yangon’s Blue Plaque project in 2013, as a means of preserving and promoting heritage buildings and locations throughout the city.

**Date:** July 23, 2020  
**Source:** Myanmar Times  
**Author:** yee Ywal Myint  

**Flood delays study of Mandalay farmhouse**

Flooding in Mandalay Region has delayed the study and restoration of two traditional teak farmhouses that are on the 2020 World Monument Watch list.

**Date:** July 23, 2020  
**Source:** Myanmar Times  
**Author:** Phyo Wai Kyaw  

## Philippines

**Senate committee approves CarCar City Cultural Heritage Zone Bill in 1st reading**

The Senate Committee on Basic Education and Culture has formally approved in first reading House Bill 5644, which seeks to declare the...
| Thailand | **How is where the art is**  
Silapakorn classmates are in their element with their debut exhibition. |
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| Date: July 22, 2020  
Source: Bangkok Post  
Author: Yvonne Bohwongprasert  
Link: [bkkpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/1955543/home-is-where-the-art-is](https://bkkpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/1955543/home-is-where-the-art-is) |  |
| **Finding opportunity in crisis**  
The Covid-19 pandemic is driving a push by the creative industry for policy reform at the governmental level. |
| Date: July 20, 2020  
Source: Bangkok Post  
Author: Kamonrat Chayamarit  
| **Hmong women sold their embroidery in refugee camps for $1 apiece. The culture they documented is beyond value.**  
Martha L. Zimmerman rescued 700 pieces of Hmong Paj Ntaub or “flowery cloth” made by 61 Hmong women and turned them into a new book titled “Martha L. Zimmerman: Paj Ntaub Collection”. |
| Date: July 20, 2020  
Source: Sahan Journal  
Author: Hibah Ansari  
Link: [https://sahanjournal.com/arts/hmong-paj-ntaub-hmong-archives/](https://sahanjournal.com/arts/hmong-paj-ntaub-hmong-archives/) |  |
| Vietnam | **Demolition of Historic Vietnam Cathedral Is Underway**  
The historic Bui Chu Cathedral in Vietnam, a 135 year-old church considered by many an architectural gem, is being demolished to make room for a bigger cathedral despite last-ditch efforts to save it. |
| Date: July 22, 2020  
Source: The New York Times |  |
Author: Richard C. Paddock  

**The craft of linen weaving of the H'mong people in Lung Tam**

Lung Tam is located in Quan Ba district, Ha Giang province, a small valley surrounded by rocky mountains, with the Mien river flowing through. This is a land where H'mong people have lived for generations and established their fame with the craft of line weaving, indigo dye, and beeswax drawing, creating many unique brocade products.

Date: July 20, 2020  
Source: Nhan Dan Online  
Author:  

**Traces of early humans found in Ba Be National Park**

During the recent field survey in Ba Be National Park in the northeastern province of Bac Kan, archaeologists have found many traces of early humans in caves in karst mountains around Ba Be Lake.

Date: July 20, 2020  
Source: Vietnam Plus  
Author:  

**Folklore Association asked to build cultural value system of the Vietnamese people in the new context**

Politburo member Vo Van Thuong has asked the Vietnam Folklore Association to complete the building of the cultural value system and norms of the Vietnamese people in the context of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Date: July 20, 2020  
Source: Nhan Dan Online  
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**Heritage of Vietnamese historians collected and promoted**
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<th><strong>A seminar on collecting and promoting the heritage of Vietnamese historians and a ceremony to receive documents and exhibits of Professor and People’s Teacher Vu Duong Nih were held by the Center for Heritage of Vietnamese Scientists and Scholars in the northern province of Hoa Binh on July 19.</strong></th>
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