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Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

June 28-July 3, 2020

Country	Headline
Cambodia	Number of foreign tourists to Cambodia's famed Angkor down 69 pct in H1 The number of foreign tourists visiting Angkor Archeological Park has been down 69 percent in the first half of 2020. Date: July 1, 2020 Source: XinhuaNet Author: Huaxia Link: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/01/c_139180204.htm
	Reclaiming relics: The challenges of returning the Kingdom's heritage The US Embassy in Phnom Penh has facilitated the return of the stolen precious Khmer relics to Cambodia. Date: June 29, 2020 Source: The Khmer Times Author: Tom Starkey Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50739067/reclaiming-relics-the-challenges-of-re-turning-the-kingdoms-heritage/
	Curtains back up as Khmer art master eager to inspire youth The Sovanna Phum Theater, the only shadow puppet theatre in town, was officially announced its permanent closing in May, 2020. With

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	<p>support from the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, the Sovanna Phum Art Association returned to the stage at the Secondary of Fine Arts.</p> <p>Date: June 28, 2020 Source: The Phnom Penh Post Author: Kheng Sokkunthea Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/lifestyle/curtains-rise-art-master-inspires-you-h-tradition?_cf_chl_jschl_tk_=5aa810a08bf224f689c3c14260bc8b7d9755c152-1593398059-0-ARZFs5T8crM6jG-1_Q4Vb8e74ZS8q3f4GWAu_9JQ_D1lVRdXfyIQWwJ6St8rc3csD8gLy9B4B11dp_tMdp13N51-c9-T9onFcQKjPWHmwLDi4VaCT1ImRD_itnQJJBeZGpiGQ8FyNxdml8-f1oknH5ed3ixDF3mJAC2njLP4Pnwbt5AaTQADsN78AsTIJxZGaQJSpnA3B0TrdBQJz-D5paBDcpLjhh6s5utzi-M_ntLRzYHv1Vi5g5nupVYZ2eyo78Un8i92P9hvUKzs7yruZZ66PoK3BVeJWYlyd4IryNwNhvoOEilKous9Kku3eZcFG1VSq8r4ehAI11QReSuo_LMSLbj7-MDCyRsGjAgtF7n</p>
Indonesia	<p>‘Sirnaning Pageplug’ leads wayang theater to virtual horizons</p> <p>The restrictions on social and physical activities currently in force, the virtual theater brings hope to wayang orang artists.</p> <p>Date: July 1, 2020 Source: The Jakarta Post Author: Tertiani Zb Simanjuntak Link:https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/07/01/sirnaning-pageplug-leads-wayang-theater-to-virtual-horizons.html</p> <hr/> <p>Museums prepare to take on ‘new normal’</p> <p>The cultural institutions like museums will be reopened in September or October with new normal to curb the spread of Covid-19.</p> <p>Date: June 30, 2020 Source: The Jakarta Post Author: Josa Lukman Link: https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/06/30/museums-prepare-to-take-on-new-normal.html</p> <hr/> <p>Mowilex Released A Digital Book “ Balinese Woodcarving: A Heritage To Treasure”</p> <p>The book titled “Balinese Woodcarving: A Heritage to Treasure” was</p>

	<p>launched last year at the Agung Rai Museum of Art Gallery and Museum in Ubud, Bali. On the anniversary of the book launch this year, the book is digitized and available on the website https://mowilex.com/.</p> <p>Date: June 26, 2020 Source: Out Of Town Blog Author: Melo Villareal Link: https://outoftownblog.com/mowilex-released-a-digital-book-balinese-woodcarving-a-heritage-to-treasure/</p> <p>World's largest Buddhist temple in Indonesia welcomes visitors</p> <p>The biggest Buddhist temple in the world, Borobudur temple, was reopened on Thursday to welcome visitors as an effort to boost the tourism sector that has been dashed by Covid-19.</p> <p>Date: June 25, 2020 Source: XinhuaNet Author: huaxia (editor) Link: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-06/25/c_139167006.htm</p>
Malaysia	<p>Interview: Fashion designer Datuk Tom Abang Saufi talks art as new board chairman of the National Art Gallery</p> <p>Datuk Tom Abang Saufi, a well-known in the Malaysia fashion circle, talks about her plans for position with the National Art Gallery.</p> <p>Date: July 2, 2020 Source: Options Author: Mae Chan Link: https://www.optionstheedge.com/topic/culture/interview-fashion-designer-datuk-tom-abang-saufi-talks-art-new-board-chairman-national</p> <p>Penang George Town Festival 2020 to be held online from July 4-19</p> <p>The George Town Festival 2020 will be held online from July 4 to 19 in order to implement the new normal during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Date: June 29, 2020 Source: malaymail Author:</p>

	<p>Link: https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/06/29/penang-george-town-festival-2020-to-be-held-online-from-july-4-19/1879904</p>
Myanmar	<p>River Gallery Re-Opens Second Annual Monsoon Madness sale begin</p> <p>The River Gallery has reopened with the monsoon madness sale up to 20% of artworks from 40 artists.</p> <p>Date: July 2, 2020 Source: MYANMORE Author: Link:https://www.myanmar.com/2020/07/river-gallery-re-opens-second-annual-monsoon-madness-sale-begins/</p> <hr/> <p>Chin Tsong palace to become an art museum</p> <p>The Chin Tsong palace, was built over a hundred years ago, turned to be the first Myanmar art museum based on an agreement between artists and the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture.</p> <p>Date: June 30, 2020 Source: Myanmar Times Author: Zon Pann Pwint Link: mmtimes.com/news/chin-tsong-palace-become-art-museum.html</p>
Philippines	<p>Tabula Rasa/Splashing colors in Philippine watercolor art</p> <p>Watercolor painting painted by Ms. Carina Alejandrino-Rayao to show colors, hues, and shapes that convey joy, gladness, patience, vibrancy and life.</p> <p>Date: June 28, 2020 Source: Mindanao Times Author: Link: https://mindanaotimes.com.ph/2020/06/28/tabula-rasa-splashing-colors-in-philippine-watercolor-art/</p>
Singapore	<p>Arts festival goes online</p> <p>The George Town Festival will continue until July 19 with nine visual art, theatre, music, dance and film programs via www.facebook.com/GeorgeTownFestival/.</p>

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	<p>Date: July 02, 2020 Source: The Star Author: Jeremy Tan Link: https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2020/07/02/arts-festival-goes-online</p> <p>Pop culture events canned, pushing artists to go online</p> <p>Art and Pop Culture Events last year had attracted more than 20,000 visitors; however, this event is cancelled this year. It is expected to organize next year from May 15 to 16 at the Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Center.</p> <p>Date: June 29, 2020 Source: The Straits Times Author: Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/pop-culture-events-canned-pushing-artists-to-go-online</p>
Thailand	<p>From wreckage of heritage in Phrae rises new hope for Thai conservation</p> <p>The Bombay Burmah Trading Co building stands impressively in Phrae province last October before its 127 years of history were swept away by a demolition crew.</p> <p>Date: July 2, 2020 Source: The Jakarta Post Author: Link: https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/07/02/from-wreckage-of-heritage-in-phrae-rises-new-hope-for-thai-conservation.html</p> <p>Cinema grande dame fades but will Scala go on?</p> <p>The Scala cinema, the grande dame Thailand's movie theatres will be closed this Sunday after 50 years operation.</p> <p>Date: July 2, 2020 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Anchalee Kongrut Link:</p>

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<https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1944364/cinema-grande-dame-fades-but-will-scala-go-on->

Government nominates Tham Luang park for ASEAN heritage ranking

Thai government has nominated Tham Luang Forest Park in the northern province of Chiang Rai for ASEAN heritage status.

Date: July 1, 2020

Source: The Thaiger

Author: Maya Taylor

Link:

<https://thethaiger.com/hot-news/environment/government-nominates-tham-luang-park-for-asean-heritage-ranking>

Parks win backing for heritage list

The cabinet has approved the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment's proposal and agreed to push Khao Sok National Park in Surat Thani and Tham Luang national park in Chiang Rai to be recognised as ASEAN Heritage Parks.

Date: July 1, 2020

Source: Bangkok Post

Author: Mongkol Bangprapa

Link:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1943576/parks-win-backing-for-heritage-list>

The Government call for domestic support to wear Thai textiles

The Prime Minister, General Prayut Chan-o-cha agreed on the national campaign proposed by the Community Development Department in collaboration with National Council of Women of Thailand to promote Thai textile among domestic markets. The campaign encourages Thais to use or wear the cultural fabrics as daily outfits at least twice a week.

Date: June 29, 2020

Source: Bangkok Post

Author:

Link:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/pr/1942736/the-government-call-for-domestic-support-to-wear-thai-textiles>

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<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>US-funded conservation of Vietnam ancient citadel completed</p> <p>The restoration of the Ho Citadel in Thanh Hoa province with US funding has been completed after nearly two years of work.</p> <p>Date: July 1, 2020 Source: VN Express Author: Nguyen Quy Link: https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/us-funded-conservation-of-vietnam-ancient-citadel-completed-4123693.html</p>
	<p>US-funded conservation project of Ho Dynasty Citadel Completed</p> <p>A ceremony of the completion of the restoration project of the southern gate of the Ho Dynasty Citadel in the north central province of Thanh Hoa funded by the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, took place at the World Cultural Heritage Site on June 29.</p> <p>Date: June 30, 2020 Source: Nhan Dan Online Author: Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8820102-us-funded-conservation-project-of-ho-dynasty-citadel-completed.html</p>
	<p>Ca Mau's traditional sauce making recognised as national cultural heritage</p> <p>The traditional ba khia (three-striped crab) sauce making in the southern province of Ca Mau has been officially recognised as the National Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>Date: June 29, 2020 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/ca-maus-traditional-sauce-making-recognised-as-national-cultural-heritage/177702.vnp</p>
	<p>Vietnam's world cultural heritages honoured through Ao Dai</p> <p>Twenty-one collections of Ao Dai (Vietnamese traditional long dress) which featured world cultural heritages of Vietnam, were introduced to the public at a program held at Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam (the Temple of</p>

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Literature) on June 28.

Date: June 29, 2020

Source: Nhan Dan Online

Author:

Link:

<https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8816802-vietnam%E2%80%99s-world-cultural-heritages-honoured-through-ao-dai.html>

Ao Dai seeks recognition as a national intangible cultural heritage

A seminar on Ao Dai offering a comprehensive evaluation of history, the habit of using, function, the social and cultural value, art and cultural identity of the Vietnamese traditional dress was held in Hanoi on June 26.

Date: June 28, 2020

Source: Saigon Online

Author:

Link:

https://sggpnews.org.vn/culture_art/ao-dai-seeks-recognition-as-a-national-intangible-cultural-heritage-87329.html

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