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Country	Headline
Indonesia	Archaeological discoveries on a remote Indonesian island provide vital clues about people living there 17,000 years Stone tools, animal bones, and decorative beads unearthed on a remote tropical island of Indonesia in the northern gateway to Australia are helping to build a picture of how people lived there more than 17, 500 years ago. Date: August 20, 2020 Source: MIRAGE News Author: Link: https://www.miragenews.com/archaeological-discoveries-on-a-remote-indonesian-island-provide-vital-clues-about-people-living-there-17-000-years/
	UOB Indonesia announces Painting of the Year competition The UOB annual event, the 2020 UOB Painting of the Year competition, was launched on Tuesday to invite artists to share their impression on solidarity. Date: August 19, 2020 Source: The Jakarta Post Author: News Desk Link: https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/08/19/uob-indonesia-announces-painting-of-the-year-competition.html
	'Sabdo Pandito Rakjat': A tribute to Ki Nartosabdo Sabdo Pandito Rakjat, created as a tribute to the legendary dalang

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	<p>(puppeteer) Ki Nartosabdo, was performed as the 22nd stage performance of Indonesia Kita. The performance of 'Sabdo Pandito Rakji' was filled with jokes and comedy, keeping the audience engaged and making them laugh.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2020 Source: The Jakarta Post Author: Adityastha Rai Wratsangka Link: https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/08/17/sabdo-pandito-rakjat-a-tribute-to-ki-nartosabdo.html</p>
Malaysia	<p>Malaysian artist creates portraits of country's founding fathers using just her thumb</p> <p>To celebrate the upcoming independence day of Malaysia on August 31, one Malaysian artist and also the founder of Niuniu's Gallery decided to create a painting of the country's first prime minister and founding father, Tunku Abdul Rahman, by using her thumb.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2020 Source: Mashable SE Asia Author: Sukhbir Cheema Link: https://sea.mashable.com/culture/12029/malaysian-artist-creates-portraits-of-countrys-founding-fathers-using-her-thumb</p>
	<p>Malaysian State of Kelantan Seeks to Make Folk Drama Shariah Compliant</p> <p>The PAS-led state government wants to "correct" the "un-Islamic" parts of Main Puteri, an indigenous Kelantanese dance form.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2020 Source: The Diplomat Author: Asif Ullah Khan Link: https://thediplomat.com/2020/08/malaysian-state-of-kelantan-seeks-to-make-folk-drama-shariah-compliant/</p>
Philippines	<p>LOOK: Give your crayons a Pinoy touch with Kulayaan cover and sleeves to celebrate Buwan ng Wika</p> <p>A young, homeschooling mom designs a crayon box and crayon sleeves so her children can celebrate their language while coloring.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2020 Source: Manila Bulletin</p>

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	<p>Author: Kerry Tinga Link: https://mb.com.ph/2020/08/19/look-give-your-crayons-a-pinoy-touch-with-kulayaan-cover-and-sleeves-to-celebrate-buwan-ng-wika/</p> <hr/> <p>This online exhibit presents Filipino and British artworks together</p> <p>The National Museum of the Philippines collaborates with the British Council collaborates to organize a virtual exhibition called “Together Apart- Art World Voices that Connect Us Now”, launched on August 19 through the British Council Philippines' website.</p> <p>Date: August 18, 2020 Source: Manila Bulletin Author: Jules Vivas Link: mb.com.ph/2020/08/18/this-online-exhibit-presents-filipino-and-british-artworks-together/</p> <hr/> <p>Arts can relieve a pandemic-stressed nation</p> <p>The pandemic has drawn the attention of policymakers to put the spotlight on the arts. The leaders of both houses of Congress have recognized the value of arts in the life of the Filipino during the crisis period.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2020 Source: Lifestyle.inquirer Author: Arsenio J. Lizaso Link: https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/368723/arts-can-relieve-a-pandemic-stressed-nation/</p>
Thailand	<p>Forging a new identity</p> <p>Renowned film director Nontawat Numbenchapol's latest exhibition exposes the plight of Myanmar's Shan people in northern Thailand.</p> <p>Date: August 20, 2020 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Suwittha Chayong Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/1971487/forging-a-new-identity</p> <hr/> <p>Ethnicity Street</p> <p>Graffiti artists have turned Charoen Krung into a visual feast to raise</p>

	<p>spirits and revitalise the old Bangkok trading hub.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2020 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Pattarawadee Saengmanee Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/1970855/ethnicity-street</p>
Vietnam	<p>Small wonders: The Vietnamese artist making tiny food</p> <p>A 28-year-old architecture graduate began crafting food miniatures made from clay a year ago, spotting a chance to capitalise on the world's growing love for Vietnamese cuisine.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2020 Source: Lifestyle Inquirer Author: Link: https://lifestyle.inquirer.net/368895/small-wonders-the-vietnamese-artist-making-tiny-food/</p>
	<p>Exhibition features artistic dreams and future of life</p> <p>A special painting exhibition entitled XOM by a group of Vietnamese artists and a foreigner will open this week in the center of Hanoi.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2020 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/exhibition-features-artistic-dreams-and-future-of-life/180418.vnp</p>
	<p>Vietnamese painter wins awards for promoting intangible cultural heritage</p> <p>Vietnamese painter Vu Duc Hieu, director of the Muong Cultural Space Museum, has won the 2020 Jeonju International Award for Promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2020 Source: Nhan Dan Online Author: Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8984502-vietnamese-painter-wins-awards-for-promoting-intangible-cultural-heritage.html</p>