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## Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

August 8-14, 2020

| Country   | Headline   |
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| Cambodia  | <p><b>Will Covid-19 sound the death knell for sacred Khmer dance?</b></p> <p>A group of Cambodian classical dancers, aged from 18 to 26, has gained recognition as the first and only spiritual dance troupe in Cambodia. However, their efforts to preserve the traditional performing arts has been threatened by the Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, will they win this hard time or will it be their end?</p> <p>Date: August 11, 2020<br/>Source: Khmer Times<br/>Author: Taing Rinith<br/>Link:<br/><a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50753682/will-covid-19-sound-the-death-knell-for-sacred-khmer-dance/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50753682/will-covid-19-sound-the-death-knell-for-sacred-khmer-dance/</a></p> |
| Indonesia | <p><b>Protecting Stolen or Illegally Exported Indonesian Heritage</b></p> <p>Netherland returned the Keris of Diponegoro, a Javanese Prince, in March 2020. This is a 'good faith' diplomatic practice by the Netherlands toward Indonesia.</p> <p>Date: August 11, 2020<br/>Source: TEMPO.CO<br/>Author:<br/>Link:<br/><a href="https://en.tempo.co/read/1374805/protecting-stolen-or-illegally-exported-indonesian-heritage">https://en.tempo.co/read/1374805/protecting-stolen-or-illegally-exported-indonesian-heritage</a></p>  |

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| <p>Laos</p>        | <p><b>New Mekong dam ignores threats to UNESCO World Heritage city, livelihoods and ecosystems</b></p> <p>Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage city, is futurely harmful by dam on the Mekong River basin.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2020<br/> Source: Asean Today<br/> Author:<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.aseantoday.com/2020/08/new-mekong-dam-ignores-threats-to-unesco-world-heritage-city-livelihoods-and-ecosystems/">https://www.aseantoday.com/2020/08/new-mekong-dam-ignores-threats-to-unesco-world-heritage-city-livelihoods-and-ecosystems/</a></p>                    |
| <p>Malaysia</p>    | <p><b>Taking a virtual trip to your hometown</b></p> <p>Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, officially launched the website called myhometown.com.my expressed hope that it could help to revive the tourism sector through digital transformation.</p> <p>Date: August 12, 2020<br/> Source: The Sun Daily<br/> Author: Alisha Nur<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.thesundaily.my/local/taking-a-virtual-trip-to-your-hometown-IY3436875">https://www.thesundaily.my/local/taking-a-virtual-trip-to-your-hometown-IY3436875</a></p>                           |
|                    | <p><b>Injecting realism into Malaysian art</b></p> <p>A local artist Ali Nurazmal Yusoff's solo exhibition titled "Project A: Last Man Standing" at the National Art Gallery in Kuala Lumpur. His painting was inspired by Caravaggio's works but he reconstructed by injecting elements of Malaysian life.</p> <p>Date: August 14, 2020<br/> Source: The Malaysian Reserve<br/> Author:<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://themalaysianreserve.com/2020/08/11/injecting-realism-into-malaysian-art/">https://themalaysianreserve.com/2020/08/11/injecting-realism-into-malaysian-art/</a></p> |
| <p>Philippines</p> | <p><b>103-year-old tattoo artist defies gender norms and keeps an ancient tradition alive</b></p>  |

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Whang-od, a 103-year-old Filipino tattoo artist is keeping an ancient art alive.

Date: August 13, 2020

Source: Yahoo!finance

Author: Emerald Pelot

Link:

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/103-old-tattoo-artist-defies-181320032.html>

### **Art in the Park 2020 goes online: 8 days of affordable art, exciting virtual events**

The affordable art fair Art in the Park with over 2600 art pieces will go online for its first virtual edition at Artinthepark.ph from August 10 to 17.

Date: August 10, 2020

Source: Philstar Global

Author:

Link:

<https://www.philstar.com/lifestyle/arts-and-culture/2020/08/10/2034272/art-park-2020-goes-online-8-days-affordable-art-exciting-virtual-events>

### **Journal of Archaeological Science special issue goes online**

An international team of archaeologists from the Philippines, Italy, Spain and Russia has put together and edited a special issue of the "Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports" that showcases new discoveries and developments in the field of archaeology.

Date: August 10, 2020

Source: The Manila Times

Author:

Link:

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/08/10/public-square/journal-of-archaeological-science-special-issue-goes-online/753079/>

### **The vision for FDCP's Philippine Film Archive**

The Philippine Film Archive (PFA) Division under the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) collects, preserves, protects, catalogues, manages, and provides access to audiovisual materials, including film negatives and prints, that are part of the country's historical, cultural and

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|           | <p>artistic heritage.</p> <p>Date: August 9, 2020<br/> Source: The Manila Times<br/> Author: Liza Dino-Seguerra<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/08/09/weekly/the-sunday-times/arts-awake/the-vision-for-fdcps-philippine-film-archive/752670/">https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/08/09/weekly/the-sunday-times/arts-awake/the-vision-for-fdcps-philippine-film-archive/752670/</a></p>   |
| Singapore | <p><b>Heritage kueh book take top honours at Singapore Book Awards</b></p> <p>Christopher Tan's heritage food book titled "The Way of Kueh" won Book of the Year at the annual industry awards by the Singapore Book Publishers Association.</p> <p>Date: August 14, 2020<br/> Source: The Straits Times<br/> Author: Olivia Ho<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/lifestyle/arts/heritage-kueh-book-takes-top-honours-at-singapore-book-awards">https://www.straitstimes.com/lifestyle/arts/heritage-kueh-book-takes-top-honours-at-singapore-book-awards</a></p>                             |
|           | <p><b>This Artist Creates Electric Collages Inspired by Singapore and Her Love of Vintage Style</b></p> <p>Louise Hill Design brings together a beautiful mix of vignettes that draw inspiration from the colorful heritage of Singapore and Asia.</p> <p>Date: August 12, 2020<br/> Source: Tatler Singapore<br/> Author: Hong Xinying<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://sg.asiatatler.com/life/louise-hill-design-creates-eclectic-collages-inspired-by-singapore-and-vintage-style">https://sg.asiatatler.com/life/louise-hill-design-creates-eclectic-collages-inspired-by-singapore-and-vintage-style</a></p> |
| Thailand  | <p><b>New status sought for Thai soup</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Culture is applying to have Thailand's world-famous hot and sour prawn soup, Tom Yum Gung, registered with UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2020</p>   |

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|         | <p>Source: Bangkok Post<br/> Author:<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1967147/new-status-sought-for-thai-soup">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1967147/new-status-sought-for-thai-soup</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Gathering gold heritage</b></p> <p>Gold has been treasured for centuries by Thais who use it in various facets of their daily life.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2020<br/> Source: Bangkok Post<br/> Author: Phusadee Arunmas<br/> Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1967459/gathering-gold-heritage">https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/1967459/gathering-gold-heritage</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Songkla promotes Thai traditional dance ‘Nora’ to the world</b></p> <p>Thailand’s southern province of Songkhla has launched a programme to promote Nora dance, a traditional dance that has been nominated for a place on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2020<br/> Source: Pattaya Mail<br/> Author:<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/songkhla-promotes-thai-traditional-dance-nora-to-the-world-310922">https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/songkhla-promotes-thai-traditional-dance-nora-to-the-world-310922</a></p> |
| Vietnam | <p><b>Consolidating solidarity through the circle of Xoe dance</b></p> <p>Xoe dance is not only the pride of the Thai ethnic people but it is also a unique cultural feature in the repertoires of folk dances of ethnic minority groups in the northern province of Dien Bien and the northwest region in general.</p> <p>Date: August 12, 2020<br/> Source: Nhan Dan Online<br/> Author:<br/> Link:<br/> <a href="https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8966502-consolidating-solidarity-through-the-circle-of-xoe-dance.html">https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8966502-consolidating-solidarity-through-the-circle-of-xoe-dance.html</a></p>  |

**UNESCO organizes photo expression to highlight beauty of cultural heritage in VN**

UNESCO in partnership with the German Embassy in Hanoi, organizes a photo campaign themed “ Showing we care, sharing our vision on culture diversity”, aiming to highlight the beauty of cultural heritage and culture in Vietnam.

Date: August 11, 2020

Source: Saigon Online

Author:

Link:

[https://sggpnews.org.vn/culture\\_art/unesco-organizes-photo-expression-to-highlight-beauty-of-cultural-heritage-in-vn-87953.html](https://sggpnews.org.vn/culture_art/unesco-organizes-photo-expression-to-highlight-beauty-of-cultural-heritage-in-vn-87953.html)

**Photo contest highlights cultural heritage and cultural creativity in Vietnam**

UNESCO in partnership with the German Embassy in Hanoi launched the Vietnam Photo Expression 2020 unde the theme “Showing we care, Sharing our vision on Culture Diversity”, aiming to highlight the beauty of cultural heritage and creativity in Vietnam.

Date: August 10, 2020

Source: Nhan Dan Online

Author:

Link:

<https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/8961002-photo-contest-highlights-cultural-heritage-and-cultural-creativity-in-vietnam.html>

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