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Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

January 2-8, 2021

| Country | Headline |
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| Brunei | <p>Art exhibition showcases local talents</p> <p>The art exhibition titled 'Rahsia Warnia' (The Secret of Colours) aims to encourage local artists and students to further pursue their art and be more creative, to push and unearth new talents, as well as to encourage the old generation of artists to continue creating their works.</p> <p>Date: January 2, 2021 Source: Borneo Bulletin Author: Izah Azahari Link: https://borneobulletin.com.bn/2021/01/art-exhibition-showcases-local-talents/</p> |
| Cambodia | <p>Animal species released at Angkor, 20,000 fish fry at restored lake</p> <p>Apsara Authority in collaboration with the Forest Administration and the Wildlife Alliance has released more than seven kinds of animal species in Angkor Archaeological Park as part of the initiative to strengthen its conservation of biodiversity and natural habitat.</p> <p>Date: January 7, 2021 Source: Khmer Times Author: Sar Socheath, Buth Reaksmeay Kongkea Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50801283/animal-species-released-at-angkor-20000-fish-fry-at-restored-lake/</p> |
| | <p>Int'l visitors to Cambodia's Angkor down 81.8 pct last year due to COVID-19</p> <p>Angkor Archeological Park had received up to 2.2 million visitors in 2019, but the number of visitors was dropped to 400, 889 in 2020 due</p> |

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| | <p>to the impact of Covid-19.</p> <p>Date: January 1, 2021 Source: Xinhua Net Author: N/A Link: http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/01/c_139634897.htm</p> |
| Malaysia | <p>Malaysian artist dedicates sand sculpture in Langkawi to nation's frontliners</p> <p>Mohammad Ikhwan Ibrahim, a visual artist, has created the sand sculpture of 3.048 meters long and 1.6764 meters high to honour Malaysia's frontiers and their dedication in combating the spread of Covid-19.</p> <p>Date: January 5, 2021 Source: Malay Mail Author: N/A Link: https://www.malaymail.com/news/life/2021/01/05/malaysian-artist-dedicates-sand-sculpture-in-langkawi-to-nations-frontliner/1937595</p> |
| Philippines | <p>100-day countdown for 500 Years of Christianity starts</p> <p>In celebration of the 500 Years of Christianity at Magellan's Cross in downtown Cebu City, church leaders and officials from the city government led the ceremonial unveiling of the 100-day countdown to mark this event to be celebrated on January 4, 2021.</p> <p>Date: January 5, 2021 Source: Cebu Daily News Author: Morexette Marie B.Erram Link: https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/357817/100-day-countdown-for-500-years-of-christianity-starts</p> <p>BamBike To Create Free Virtual Education Programs For Public Schools</p> <p>BamBike is developing free virtual tours of Philippine landmarks as an e-learning educational tool to support students and teachers in the country.</p> <p>Date: January 4, 2021 Source: Tatler Author: Isabel Martel Franciso Link: https://ph.asiatatler.com/society/bambike-to-create-free-virtual-education-programs-for-public-schools</p> |

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| Singapore | <p>Using their arts education to help the greater community</p> <p>Izadf Hamzah and Woon Rae, graduates from Sota (School of the Arts), share their thoughts about learning and education.</p> <p>Date: January 5, 2021 Source: Business Times Author: Rae Wee Link: https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/life-culture/using-their-arts-education-to-help-the-greater-community</p> <hr/> <p>The Singapore story behind each motif and design</p> <p>Local firms Onlewo and ipse ipsa ipsum celebrate the distinctly Singapore spirit by integrating motifs onto their home ware products which tells a story about Singapore.</p> <p>Date: January 4, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: N/A Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/consumer/the-singapore-story-behind-each-motif-and-design</p> |
| Thailand | <p>National heritage sites get smart app boost</p> <p>The Fine Arts Department of Thailand has launched an AR Smart Heritage Application that allows visitors to explore national heritage sites in a more fun way and with knowledge.</p> <p>Date: January 7, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Kanjana Karnjanatawe Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2046991/national-heritage-sites-get-smart-app-boost</p> <hr/> <p>School bid to raise funds for museum</p> <p>The manager of Smanmit Wittaya School in Yi-ngo district of Naratiwat province is calling for donations to help finish construction of a Museum of Islamic Cultural Heritage and Al-Quran Learning Centre.</p> <p>Date: January 4, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Anucha Charoenpo Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2044983/school-bid-to-raise-funds-for-museum</p> |

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| Vietnam | <p>2020 in review: the silence and boom of culture sector</p> <p>The year 2020 has passed with unprecedented developments in the field of culture as many activities were “frozen” or took place in moderation and have recovered only somewhat over the few last months.</p> <p>Date: January 7, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9477202-2020-in-review-the-silence-and-boom-of-cultural-sector.html</p> |
| | <p>Promoting heritage values of tug-of-war games and rituals</p> <p>Tug-of-war games and rituals which are practiced in Hanoi and the provinces of Vinh Phuc, Bach Ninh and Lao Cai were added to UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2015. The safeguarding and promotion of the heritage’s value need further connection and exchange among communities of practitioners.</p> <p>Date: January 6, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9474702-promoting-heritage-values-of-tug-of-war-games-and-rituals.html</p> |
| | <p>Vietnamese ceramic artefacts to be promoted in ROK</p> <p>Vietnam’s outstanding ceramic products will be displayed at Gwangju National Museum in the Republic of Korea from December 18, 2020 until October 31, 2022.</p> <p>Date: January 6, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9472702-vietnamese-ceramic-artefacts-to-be-promoted-in-rok.html</p> |
| | <p>Salt-making craft in Bac Lieu named national heritage</p> <p>The salt-making craft of the Mekong Delta province of Bac Lieu has been recognized as a national intangible cultural heritage.</p> <p>Date: January 5, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: N/A Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/saltmaking-craft-in-bac-lieu-named-national-</p> |

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Turning cultural heritage into strength for national development: Deputy PM Dam

Deputy Prime Minister, Vu Duc Dam, has urged the National Council for Cultural Heritage to focus more on the preservation and promotion of relics to make them a source of strength for national development.

Date: January 5, 2021

Author: N/A

Source: Vietnam Plus

Link: <https://en.vietnamplus.vn/turning-cultural-heritage-into-strength-for-national-development-deputy-pm-dam/194282.vnp>

Project to promote brand of Vietnamese lacquer art during 2020-2030 period

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism issued a Decision No.4345/QD-BVHTTDL on December 31, 2020 to approve a project on developing and promoting the national brand of Vietnamese lacquer art during 2020-2030.

Date: January 4, 2021

Source: Nhan Dan

Author:

Link: <https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9466602-project-to-promote-brand-of-vietnamese-lacquer-art-during-2020-2030-period.html>

Traditional dress shines on “Ao Dai Day 2020”

Thua Thien-Hue province has been working hard to raise awareness about the outfit "Ao Dai" through a series of different events aiming to promote Vietnam's traditional outfit among international friends and to praise it as national intangible cultural heritage.

Date: January 4, 2021

Source: Vietnam Plus

Author: N/A

Link: <https://en.vietnamplus.vn/traditional-dress-shines-on-ao-dai-day-2020/194177.vnp>

Hai Phong receives national historic site recognition for Bach Dang Giang relic complex

The Bach Dang Giang relic complex in Hai Phong was officially

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| | <p>recognised as a National Historical Relic Site.</p> <p>Date: January 3, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9462402-hai-phong-receives-national-historic-site-recognition-for-bach-dang-giang-relic-complex.html</p> |
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