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Country	Headline
Indonesia	45,000-Year-Old Pig Painting in Indonesia May Be Oldest Known Animal Art A portrait of a wild pig, which is estimate about 45,500 years ago, is found on the wall of a cave hidden in a highland valley on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. Date: January 13, 2021 Source: Smithsonian Magazine Author: Brian Handwerk Link: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/articles/45000-year-old-pig-painting-indonesia-may-be-oldest-known-animal-art-180976748/
	IWG hosts Indonesian Cultural Day The International Women's Group (IWG) in cooperation with the Indonesian Embassy in Kuwait organized the virtual Indonesian Cultural Day on Sunday. Date: January 11, 2021 Source: Kuwait Times Author: Link: https://news.kuwaittimes.net/website/iwg-hosts-indonesian-cultural-day/
Malaysia	Semangat- An art exhibition to lift one's spirits The virtual exhibition features some 'never before seen' artwork by eight prominent Malaysian artists.

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	<p>Date: January 14, 2021 Source: The Sun Daily Author: N/A Link: https://www.thesundaily.my/spotlight/semangat-an-art-exhibition-to-lift-one-s-spirits-DH6108588</p>
	<p>Breathing new life into dying art form</p> <p>Back to the past when technology was not developed, the Chinese opera was the entertainment that drew large crowds. Today, this performance is staged mostly on significant dates only. To give new breathing for this art form, young practitioners have paved paths for better exposure of Chinese opera through Facebook or Instagram.</p> <p>Date: January 11, 2021 Source: The Sun Daily Author: Shivani Supramani Link: https://www.thesundaily.my/local/breathing-new-life-into-dying-art-form-AF6043992</p>
<p>Myanmar</p>	<p>Ivan Pun Takes Us On An Exploration Of The Rich Creative And Historical Scenes of Yangon, Myanmar</p> <p>Ivan Pun, the entrepreneur and art patron, takes us for a walk through Yangon, Myanmar to explore its fascinating history and its rich thriving art scene.</p> <p>Date: January 14, 2021 Source: Tatler Author: Coco Maret Link: https://ph.asiatatler.com/life/exploring-yangons-creative-scene-with-ivan-pun</p> <p>Bringing back Yangon's walking tours</p> <p>The coronavirus restrictions have affected many tourism activities. Some travel agencies in Yangon have been planning for more positive 2021 by organizing Myanmar Walks, hoping to offer Yangonites enjoyable and engaging tours across Yangon.</p> <p>Date: January 11, 2021 Source: Myanmar Times Author: Phoe Wa</p>

	<p>Link: https://www.mmtimes.com/news/bringing-back-yangons-walking-tours.html</p>
Philippines	<p>Artist Abe Orobia and Rowin Obrero on the beauty of impermanence</p> <p>Abe Orobia and Rowin Obrero exhibit their work titled “Beyond the Yonder” which was held at the Galleries Joaquin at U.P. Town Center presents their admiration and passion for nature, qualities that they believe all human beings possess.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: Manila Bulletin Author: Terrence Repelente Link: https://mb.com.ph/2021/01/13/artists-abe-orobia-and-rowin-obrero-on-the-beauty-of-impermanence/</p>
	<p>NCCA announces theme for National Arts Month 2021</p> <p>Under Presidential Proclamation no. 683, the Philippines recognize its culture and art in different forms with the celebration of the annual National Arts Month every February. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has started gearing up for a month of artistic festivities under the theme “Alab-sining Alay-sigla” which aims to provide opportunities for artists to harness their creative energies in uplifting the nation’s spirit, especially during this time of public health crisis.</p> <p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: Manila Bulletin Author: John Legaspi Link: https://mb.com.ph/2021/01/12/ncca-announces-theme-for-national-arts-month-2021/</p>
	<p>25 years after shutdown, the Metropolitan Theater is reopening here’s what we can expect</p> <p>The Metropolitan Theater, one of the last few surviving Art Deco structures in the Philippines and one of the country’s oldest performance venues, will be opening its doors to audiences once again in April after 25 years of closure.</p> <p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: News abs-cbn</p>

	<p>Author: Rhia Grana Link: https://news.abs-cbn.com/ancx/culture/spotlight/01/12/21/25-years-after-shutdown-the-metropolitan-theater-is-reopeningheres-what-we-can-expect</p>
	<p>Nolcom puts up desk to preserve IPs' cultural heritage</p> <p>The Northern Luzon Command (Nolcom) has created an Indigenous People's Affairs Desk (IPAD) in an effort to protect the welfare and preserve the cultural heritage of the tribal communities in Northern and Central Luzon.</p> <p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: Philippines News Agent Author: Zorayda Tecson Link: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1127083</p>
	<p>This painting commemorates the historic 2020 eruption of Taal Volcano</p> <p>Jeff Salon, Filipino artist, has created new pieces titled The Falling Beginning which describes the impacts of the Taal Volcano's eruption in early 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic hit the Philippines.</p> <p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: Manila Bulletin Author: John Legaspi Link: https://mb.com.ph/2021/01/12/this-painting-commemorates-the-historic-2020-eruption-of-taal-volcano/</p>
Singapore	<p>Small arts groups can tap \$4m stART Fund by NAC and private sector</p> <p>The Sustain the Arts (stART) Fund, an initiative by the National Arts Council (NAC and the private sector, was launched on January 13, 2021 to support programmes with a strong community impact that enable more people to enjoy the arts, programmes with digitally enhanced arts experiences, as well as programmes to encourage reflection and consideration of Singapore's own cultural identity.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: The Straits Times</p>

	<p>Author: Toh Wen Li Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/life/arts/small-arts-groups-can-tap-4m-start-fund-by-nac-and-private-sector</p> <hr/> <p>Rare nudes by Singapore artists on show</p> <p>There are 38 works by 22 artists hanging side by side in Human Bondage, a new show of nudes at home-grown gallery The Culture Story.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Ong So Fern Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/life/arts/rare-nudes-by-singapore-artists-on-show</p> <hr/> <p>15 hawkers lauded for efforts in shaping Singapore’s hawker culture</p> <p>The Federation of Merchants’ Associations, Singapore and Chinese-language daily Lianhe Wanbao organized the first Singapore Hawkers Awards for their efforts in shaping the country’s prized hawker culture that was added to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity last month.</p> <p>Date: January 11, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Adeline Tan Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/15-hawkers-lauded-for-efforts-in-shaping-singapores-hawker-culture</p>
Thailand	<p>Virtual visit to Wat Arun</p> <p>Wat Arun Ratchawararam has introduced a virtual tour for those who want to know more about the temple while it remains closed until the end of January.</p> <p>Date: January 14, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Karnjana Karnjanatawe Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2050795/virtual-visit-to-wat-arun</p>

	<p>Inspiration born from tragedy</p> <p>I-na Phuyuthanon, a filmmaker who grew up at Yala, creates a series of documentaries based on the reality of life in the Deep South.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Suwittha Chaiyong Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2050187/inspiration-born-from-tragedy</p>
Vietnam	<p>Outstanding cultural and art events in 2020</p> <p>Nhan Dan Newspaper highlights outstanding events in 2020 in the field of culture, arts and tourism.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9492702-outstanding-cultural-and-art-events-in-2020.html</p> <p>Artist Trieu Trung Kien: ‘Cai luong’ artists must work to make their shows more appealing to young audience</p> <p>Trieu Trung Kien, director of the Vietnam Cai Luong (Vietnamese reformed opera), has always sought new ways to draw public interest to traditional Vietnamese art form. One of his works, Cay Gay Than (The Magic Stick), was the combination of circus and Cai Luong as an example of his creative way.</p> <p>Date: January 13, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Author: N/A Link: https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9495602-artist-trieu-trung-kien-cai-luong-artists-must-work-to-make-their-shows-more-appealing-to-young-audience.html</p> <p>Vietnamese photographer finds Asia is ‘homesweethome’</p> <p>Anh Tien Trinh, a Vietnamese lens man who has traveled around the world for his fine art projects, captures some of Asia’s most spectacular sights in black and white.</p>

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	<p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: VN Express Author: Van Pham Link: https://e.vnexpress.net/news/travel/vietnamese-photographer-finds-asia-is-home-sweet-home-4165395.html</p>
	<p>Museums struggle to acquire modern art</p> <p>Most museums and galleries lack both resources and the knowledge to spot quality contemporary works.</p> <p>Date: January 12, 2021 Source: VN Express Author: Kieu Anh Link: https://e.vnexpress.net/news/life/culture/museums-struggle-to-acquire-modern-art-4216890.html</p>
	<p>Famous writer opens his first art exhibition in Hanoi</p> <p>Fifty-three paintings by Nguyen Quang Thieu, President of Vietnamese Writers Association, are on display in his first solo exhibition called Flutist at the Vietnam University of Fine Arts in Hanoi.</p> <p>Date: January 10, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: N/A Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/famous-writer-opens-his-first-art-exhibition-in-hanoi/194515.vnp</p>
	<p>Vietnam's ancient world heritage citadel damaged by natural disasters</p> <p>The north wall of the Ho Dynasty Citadel has been significantly damaged due to impacts from storms and heavy rain.</p> <p>Date: January 10, 2021 Source: VN Express Author: Le Hoang Link: https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnam-s-ancient-world-heritage-citadel-damaged-by-natural-disasters-4218640.html</p>