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## Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

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Country	Headline
Laos	<p><b>Researchers solve more of the mystery of Laos megalithic jars</b></p> <p>New research conducted at the UNESCO World Heritage listed 'Plain of Jars' in Laos has established the stone jars were likely placed in their final resting position from as early as 1240 to 660 BCE.</p> <p>Date: March 10, 2021 Source: EurekAlert! Author: Link: <a href="https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2021-03/uom-rsm031021.php">https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2021-03/uom-rsm031021.php</a></p>
Malaysia	<p><b>Sarawakian Artist Anniketyni Madian Sculpts Wood Into Stunning Works of Art</b></p> <p>Anniketyni Madian, a Sarawak-born contemporary artist, inspired by her father's work in construction projects and work tools around her, has transformed Malaysian heritage craft into contemporary art.</p> <p>Date: March 10, 2021 Source: Tatler Author: Tania Jayatilaka Link: <a href="https://my.asiatatler.com/life/meet-anniketyni-madian-the-east-malaysian-artist-who-sculpts-with-wood">https://my.asiatatler.com/life/meet-anniketyni-madian-the-east-malaysian-artist-who-sculpts-with-wood</a></p>

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Philippines	<p><b>500 years of Christianity in PH: Urban planning and architecture</b></p> <p>The coming March 16 will mark the 500th year of the Catholic Church in the Philippines along with a historical development of urban planning and architecture.</p> <p>Date: March 11, 2021 Source: The Manila Times Author: Felino Jun A. Palafox Link: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/03/11/opinion/columnists/topanalysis/500-years-of-christianity-in-ph-urban-planning-and-architecture/849898/">https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/03/11/opinion/columnists/topanalysis/500-years-of-christianity-in-ph-urban-planning-and-architecture/849898/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>The Filipina and culture: Her role in heritage conservation</b></p> <p>No matter how light or heavy the jobs are; it is important to have women involved in rehabilitating cultural sites.</p> <p>Date: March 8, 2021 Source: Manila Bulletin Author: John Legaspi Link: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/03/08/the-filipina-and-culture-her-role-in-heritage-conservation/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/03/08/the-filipina-and-culture-her-role-in-heritage-conservation/</a></p>
Singapore	<p><b>Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre Presents MOO MOO PARK</b></p> <p>Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre presents ‘Moo Moo Park’, Asia’s first Drive-Through Exhibition in partnership with the MeshMinds Foundation aims to blend art and technology to celebrate the Year of the Ox with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Date: March 10, 2021 Source: Broadway World Author: Link: <a href="https://www.broadwayworld.com/singapore/article/Singapore-Chinese-Cultural-Centre-Presents-MOO-MOO-PARK-20210310">https://www.broadwayworld.com/singapore/article/Singapore-Chinese-Cultural-Centre-Presents-MOO-MOO-PARK-20210310</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>NHB to seek items from public for Founders’ Memorial</b></p> <p>The National Heritage Board (NHB) will from the third quarter of this year begin collecting artefacts and stories for the Founders’ Memorial, which is set to be unveiled in 2027.</p> <p>Date: March 9, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Clement Yong Link: <a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/nhb-to-see-items-from-">https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/nhb-to-see-items-from-</a></p>

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**State of Art: 5 exhibitions to check out in March**

A new series of paintings by local artist Shen Jiaqi captures the sense of loss that follows when a familiar space is changed for good.

Date: March 9, 2021

Source: Lifestyle Asia

Author: Pamely Cambe

Link: <https://www.lifestyleasia.com/sg/culture/art-design/art-exhibitions-to-check-out-singapore-march-2021/>

**Budget debate: \$20m arts top-up includes new grant for freelancers**

Arts freelancers and businesses will get more support, as the Government pledges another \$20 million to help the sector tide over the pandemic.

Date: March 8, 2021

Source: The Straits Times

Author: Toh Wen Li

Link: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/budget-debate-20m-arts-top-up-includes-new-grant-for-freelancers>

**Budget debate: Istana to be restored, Malay Heritage Centre revamped**

The Istana and the former Istana Kampong Glam will begin restoration in 2023.

Date: March 8, 2021

Source: The Straits Times

Author: Ong Sor Fern

Link: <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/budget-debate-istana-to-be-restored-malay-heritage-centre-redeveloped>

**Seven women inducted into Singapore Women's Hall of Fame**

Seven women who are pioneers in social work, public health, sports, aviation and the arts were inducted into the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame on International Women's Day.

Date: March 8, 2021

Source: The Straits Times

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	<p>Author: Malaviak Menon  Link: <a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/seven-women-inducted-into-singapore-womens-hall-of-fame?fbclid=IwAR2qISVsbtHYRQzDaliYkvQMnAudEMxPx7ksQXy6DNj-c-llrrLzyCKxxg">https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/seven-women-inducted-into-singapore-womens-hall-of-fame?fbclid=IwAR2qISVsbtHYRQzDaliYkvQMnAudEMxPx7ksQXy6DNj-c-llrrLzyCKxxg</a></p>
Thailand	<p><b>It's all about 'herspective' at this exhibition</b></p> <p>Four talented female artists reflect their wisdom and strength during "Herspective", which is running at Art Connection Gallery until May 31, 2021.</p> <p>Date: March 10, 2021  Source: Bangkok Post  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2081195/its-all-about-herspective-at-this-exhibition">https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2081195/its-all-about-herspective-at-this-exhibition</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Connecting the classic to the contemporary</b></p> <p>Veteran Khon dancers seek to keep the tradition alive through 10-day engagement at Lido Connect and Neilson Hays Library.</p> <p>Date: March 9, 2021  Source: Bangkok Post  Author: Pattrawadee Saengmanee and Piyatat Hemmatat  Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/2080607/connecting-the-classic-to-the-contemporary">https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/2080607/connecting-the-classic-to-the-contemporary</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Old scrolls tell ancient story</b></p> <p>To mark Bun Phawet, The Siam Society is presenting a rare one-day opportunity to view hand-painted banners detailing the story of Vessantara Jataka.</p> <p>Date: March 8, 2021  Source: Bangkok Post  Author: Pattrawadee Saengmanee  Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/2081207/old-scrolls-tell-ancient-story">https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/2081207/old-scrolls-tell-ancient-story</a></p>
Vietnam	<p><b>Ao dai needs official heritage recognition</b></p> <p>Ao dai (Vietnamese traditional long dress) has long been a traditional costume and a typical cultural feature of Vietnam. Through ups and down with constant changes, ao dai still honours the gracefulness and elegance of Vietnamese women.</p>

	<p>Date: March 10, 2021  Source: Vietnam Plus  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.vietnamplus.vn/ao-dai-needs-official-heritage-recognition/197346.vnp">https://en.vietnamplus.vn/ao-dai-needs-official-heritage-recognition/197346.vnp</a></p>
	<p><b>Northern village makes folk singing thrive</b></p> <p>Dong Mon village in Hoa Binh commune, Thuy Nguyen district, Hai Phong City, is known as the cradle of Ca Tru (ceremonial singing) in Vietnam's northern coastal region.</p> <p>Date: March 9, 2021  Source: Vietnam Plus  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.vietnamplus.vn/northern-village-makes-folk-singing-thrive/196803.vnp">https://en.vietnamplus.vn/northern-village-makes-folk-singing-thrive/196803.vnp</a></p>
	<p><b>HCM City theatres reach out to younger audiences</b></p> <p>Local art units and stage performers must be more creative with their products and consider creating new stage performances at school theatres to reach younger audiences.</p> <p>Date: March 8, 2021  Source: Vietnam Plus  Author:  Link: <a href="https://en.vietnamplus.vn/hcm-city-theatres-reach-out-to-younger-audiences/197238.vnp">https://en.vietnamplus.vn/hcm-city-theatres-reach-out-to-younger-audiences/197238.vnp</a></p>