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<td><strong>Cambodia celebrates World Heritage Day</strong></td>
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<td>On April 18, Cambodia celebrated the International Day of Monuments and Sites, also known as World Heritage Day, under the theme of “Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures”.</td>
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<p>|                               | <strong>Smart unites with developer for new season of culturally-inspired game</strong>                   |
|                               | The multiplayer online battle games, developed by Smart Axiata Co Ltd and DirecPlay, showcases Cambodian art and culture, inspired by Reamker and Mahaphearatayuth, to a global community of players interacting with peers in real-time. |
|                               | Date: April 18, 2021                                                                         |
|                               | Source: Phnom Penh Post                                                                      |
|                               | Author: May Kunmakara                                                                        |</p>
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<th><strong>Boost for the arts as Sabah sees and of hard times</strong></th>
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<td>The Minister of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture has requested for RM 80 million from the Economic Planning Unit to build the state’s first cultural village in Papar to boost Sabah tourism after being hit by Covid 19 since last year.</td>
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<td>A total of 56 organisations and 28 individuals consisting of artisans and cultural traders were selected as recipients of George Town World Heritage Incorporated’s inaugural heritage recognition and awards 2020.</td>
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<td>Badan Warisan Malaysia (BWM) has urged the authorities including the National Heritage Department to protect SMK Convent Bukit Nanas that could be forced to relocate as the historic school’s land lease was not being renewed.</td>
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<td>Archaeological survey being conducted at Alexandra Hospital, a</td>
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<td><strong>Panel eyes three artefacts for return</strong></td>
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<td>The Buddha statue and two sema (Buddhist’s temple boundary markers), are displaying in museums in the US and UK, will be repatriated to Thailand.</td>
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| **The evolution of khon** |
| Practitioners of the distinctly Thai art form look for ways to keep the genre relevant to the younger and future generations. |
| Date: April 22, 2021 |
| Source: Bangkok Post |
| Author: Amitha Amranand |

<p>| <strong>Reimagining a classic</strong> |
| At the exhibition ‘New Ramayana’, artist Surachet Prueksawunprasut gives the supporting characters of the Ramakien epic a new futuristic look. |
| Date: April 21, 2021 |
| Source: Bangkok Post |
| Author: Suwitcha Chaiyong &amp; Varuth Hirunyatheb |</p>
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<td>Manit Sriwanichpoom, Thailand’s best known contemporary photo artist, is sharing his thought process with “Pink Man Story”, an art exhibition and book launch that will take place at the Studio, on the 4th floor of the Bangkok Art and Culture from April 29 to May 16.</td>
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<td><strong>Art programme celebrates Vietnam Ethnic Group Culture Day</strong></td>
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<td>A colourful art programme was staged at the Vietnam National Village for Ethnic Culture and Tourism in the Dong Mo tourism area of Son Tay Town, Hanoi, on April 16 to celebrate Vietnam Ethnic Group Cultural Day.</td>
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