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Country	Headline
Cambodia	<p>Cambodia celebrates World Heritage Day</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>Date: April 19, 2021 Source: Khmer Times Author: Kunvuth Monykanchna Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50840888/cambodia-celebrates-world-heritage-day/</p>
	<p>Smart unites with developer for new season of culturally-inspired game</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Date: April 18, 2021 Source: Phnom Penh Post Author: May Kunmakara Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/business/smart-unites-developer-new-season-culturally-inspired-game</p>

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<p>Malaysia</p>	<p>Boost for the arts as Sabah sees end of hard times</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Date: April 22, 2021 Source: Free Malaysia Today Author: Minderjeet Kaur Link: https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2021/04/22/boost-for-art-industry-as-sabah-sees-end-of-hard-times/?_cf_chl_jschl_tk_=3bcb965dbaa724260ce74d82c794e0d1d8f74285-1619145652-0-ARblhxmgH_K9pukNVu5OjnsycOf8iiN2XsS5tM-mLJFxD4r4SiRtjULaizwPrldXwuHNpQp035Xu5QervTWNo0R3NynAQeIMXjEYyvMomghiU0YfGkmJ1bOporaXGqyt7J1TV7XQyptS7BFYL676KlxdVoCHIWjIWMqBwsevPQJJDBGBrYalCDeN7IW4w8YSLE5w4CpSqs1a20dzBu3iLrt9y643kkcz8Q_83a1drOVOyiTP8WVvnoxjFIf1VLHim9W4HppQYsxNuvnQeNh8z18Mbxu-BVb-4NPsjavLkV8nBp9tbVqTBuyRRRyrevOOQ8hh_rTS4ffrtSshDIBPsiQZfNuEKO_e8VTyqP4DorVwhfsLuezSHrtFzQ470I4hVyrlr8G-EiLUSYrsL1o3CIk1xxpnDKe9MRJ-WGOrminkGFgByV1EMUffBwM04WO4emcA-mu64CUUi48gbdW_h5Ob3oXURFUys8SPkzJyFIVvLJ746cB2mN7G_yZjkAcwj9kKJ5CnM4fc1iza9TrRHct3TaCpPtK3WY09fmM2s0Q8Ufs</p>
	<p>Artisans, cultural traders recognised with George Town World Heritage Incorporated's heritage awards</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Date: April 21, 2021 Source: Malay Mail Author: Opalyn Mok Link: https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/04/21/artisans-cultural-traders-recognised-with-george-town-world-heritage-incorp/1968245</p>
	<p>Heritage group: Convent Bukit Nanas intertwined with Malaysia's history, must be preserved</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Date: April 20, 2021</p>

	<p>Source: Malay Mail Author: Soo Wern Jun Link: https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/04/20/heritage-group-convent-bukit-nanas-intertwined-with-malaysias-history-must/1968039</p> <p>Wrong to remove ‘Pillars of Sabah’ artworks, says Tourism, Culture and Environment Ministry</p> <p>Wiping off the artworks at the Pillars of Sabah without first informing artists that were involved in the project is considered as wrong.</p> <p>Date: April 20, 2021 Source: Malay Mail Author: Link: https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/04/20/wrong-to-remove-pillars-of-sabah-artworks-says-tourism-culture-and-environm/1968001</p>
Myanmar	<p>In Solidarity with Artists and Cultural Actors in Myanmar</p> <p>Freemuse has documented more than 25 instances of violations against the rights of artists and cultural actors including the right to freedom of artistic expression in the country that has been conducted by the Myanmar military forces, also known as Tatmadaw.</p> <p>Date: April 19, 2021 Source: Freemuse Author: Link: https://freemuse.org/def_art_freedom/in-solidarity-with-artists-and-cultural-actors-in-myanmar/</p>
Philippines	<p>Expo highlights Cebu’s creative, handmade products</p> <p>Dexter Alazas, one of Cebu’s designer creative activists in Cebu, brings the Cebuano creativity and craftsmanship in the spotlight through “MANO MANO Arts and Crafts Expo” in collaboration with the Lapu-Lapu City Tourism Culture Heritage Arts Commission and Taft Property Ventures.</p> <p>Date: April 19, 2021 Source: Yahoo News Author: Link: https://ph.news.yahoo.com/expo-highlights-cebu-creative-handmade-110000981.html</p>
Singapore	<p>Archaeological survey being conducted at Alexandra Hospital, a WWII site</p>

	<p>The archaeological survey is being conducted at about 6,000 sqm of Alexandra Hospital which is believed to be the site of a mass grave of the victims who were executed by Japanese soldiers.</p> <p>Date: April 20, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Ng Keng Gene Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/archaeological-survey-being-conducted-at-alexandra-hospital-a-wwii-site</p>
Thailand	<p>Panel eyes three artefacts for return</p> <p>The Buddha statue and two sema (Buddist's temple boundary markers), are displaying in museums in the US and UK, will be repatriated to Thailand.</p> <p>Date: April 22, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2103527/panel-eyes-three-artefacts-for-return</p> <hr/> <p>The evolution of khon</p> <p>Practitioners of the distinctly Thai art form look for ways to keep the genre relevant to the younger and future generations.</p> <p>Date: April 22, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Amitha Amranand Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2103635/the-evolution-of-khon</p> <hr/> <p>Reimagining a classic</p> <p>At the exhibition 'New Ramayana', artist Surachet Prueksawunprasut gives the supporting characters of the Ramakien epic a new futuristic look.</p> <p>Date: April 21, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Suwittha Chaiyong & Varuth Hirunyatheb Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2103023/reimagining-a-classic</p>

	<p>Pink Man’s story told at BACC</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Date: April 19, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2101655/pink-mans-story-told-at-bacc</p>
Vietnam	<p>Exhibition showcases secrets of Muong cultural and spiritual life</p> <p>The secrets of spiritual culture and life of the Muong ethnic minority in the north-central province of Thanh Hoa will be revealed at an exhibition titled Mo Muong to be held later this week.</p> <p>Date: April 21, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/exhibition-showcases-secrets-of-muong-cultural-and-spiritual-life/200428.vnp</p> <hr/> <p>Portrait by late Vietnamese painter sold for record 3.1 million USD</p> <p>An oil painting on canvas entitled Portrait de Mademoiselle Phuong (Portrait of Mademoiselle Phuong) by late painter Mai Trung Thu has sold at an auction for the highest price paid for Vietnamese art.</p> <p>Date: April 20, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/portrait-by-late-vietnamese-painter-sold-for-record-31-million-usd/200363.vnp</p> <hr/> <p>Cu Chi Tunnels on path of becoming world treasure</p> <p>Cu Chi Tunnels, a popular destination for both domestic and foreign tourists thanks to its unique historical and architectural values, may soon join UNESCO’s list of world heritage.</p> <p>Date: April 19, 2021 Source: Nhan Dan Online Author:</p>

Link: <https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9786202-cu-chi-tunnels-on-path-of-becoming-world-treasure.html>

Art programme celebrates Vietnam Ethnic Group Culture Day

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.

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Link: <https://en.nhandan.org.vn/culture/item/9780002-art-programme-celebrates-vietnam-ethnic-group-culture-day.html>

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