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Southeast Asian Archaeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

May 29 - June 4, 2021

Country	Headline
Cambodia	<p>Temples a nature-culture blend: official</p> <p>The environment ministry called on those living in natural protected areas where archaeological sites and temples are located to protect and conserve them in order to sustainably preserve the legacy of the Cambodian ancestors while also providing important insights about the past to scholars and academics.</p> <p>Date: May 31, 2021 Source: Phnom Penh Post Author: Voun Dara Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/temples-nature-culture-blend-official</p>
	<p>UNESCO funds new organisation</p> <p>A new arts organisation, which has yet to choose a name, has received funding from UNESCO to facilitate and advocate for creative and cultural industries in Cambodia.</p> <p>Date: May 31, 2021 Source: Khmer Times Author: Seng Reaksmeay Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50864981/unesco-funds-new-organisation/</p>

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	<p>Dig for ancient artifacts halts road construction</p> <p>A collaborative effort between the Ministries of Culture and Fine Arts, and Public Works and Transportation to conduct excavation of Toul Oslok archaeology site located in Preah Puth commune of Kandal province is under process to collect artifacts before road construction starts.</p> <p>Date: May 30, 2021 Source: Phnom Penh Post Author: Lay Samean Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/dig-ancient-artifacts-halts-road-construction</p>
Indonesia	<p>Heartbreak as large-scale salvagers loot Southeast Asia’s WWII shipwrecks, war graves</p> <p>It is an uphill battle to track down the culprits, the programme Undercover Asia finds out. Meanwhile, experts urge greater protection of underwater cultural heritage.</p> <p>Date: June 3, 2021 Source: Channel News Asia Author: Neo Chai Chin Link: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/cnainsider/heartbreak-salvage-loot-southeast-asia-wwii-shipwreck-war-graves-14931100?fbclid=IwAR0vVcAuWfCa4RXWlIX805ay8dby6Ku8OGC8UDrTjDMyzeNCOwAZH4dZJk</p>
Malaysia	<p>Volvo launches batik reusable face masks- RM99/set</p> <p>Volvo Car Malaysia has teamed up with local children’s clothing label Three Little Ahmads and fabrics maker Nano Textile to introduce a new range of reusable antimicrobial face masks with floral batik designs.</p> <p>Date: June 1, 2021 Source: paultan.org Author: Jonathan Lee Link: https://paultan.org/2021/06/01/volvo-launches-batik-reusable-face-masks-rm99-set/</p>
Philippines	<p>Bringing Filipino culture to the world on June 12</p> <p>To mark the 123rd Independence Day of the Philippines on June 12, the <i>Dama ko, Lahi Ko</i> is a call to celebrate Filipino culture through the five senses: <i>paningin, pang-amoy, pandinig, panlasa, and pansalat</i>.</p>

	<p>Date: June 2, 2021 Source: Business Mirror Author: Link: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/06/02/bringing-filipino-culture-to-the-world-on-june-12/</p>
	<p>Change of name of historic Met Theater causes uproar in arts community</p> <p>The change of name of the fully renovated Manila Metropolitan Theater to NCCA Metropolitan Theater does not sit well with many in the arts and culture community in the country.</p> <p>Date: June 1, 2021 Source: ABS CBN News Author: Pablo A. Tariman Link: https://news.abs-cbn.com/life/06/01/21/change-of-name-of-historic-met-theater-causes-uproar-in-arts-community</p>
	<p>UnsaMandaue: How Mandaue’s past can be used for the future</p> <p>Mandaue City has launched the UnsaMANDAUE, a lecture series about the heritage and history of <i>Mandaue</i> on Monday, May 31, 2021.</p> <p>Date: May 31, 2021 Source: Cebu Daily News Author: Mary Rose Sagarino Link: https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/380245/unsamandaue-how-mandaues-past-can-be-used-for-the-future</p>
Singapore	<p>Forum: Keep stories and values behind hawker culture alive for posterity</p> <p>With current Covid-19 measures, many hawkers are adversely affected. However, what is worth protecting are not just hawker centres or the trade itself, but the stories of hardship and the unique values behind hawker culture.</p> <p>Date: June 2, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/forum/forum-keep-stories-and-values-behind-hawker-culture-alive-for-posterity</p>

	<p>Singaporean Malay Woman Says Stat Board Fell Short in Apology Over Stolen Wedding Photo</p> <p>The owner of a wedding photo complains about the use of her wedding photo for a public standee without any consent.</p> <p>Date: June 2, 2021 Source: Coconuts Singapore Author: Link: https://coconuts.co/singapore/news/singaporean-malay-woman-says-stat-board-fell-short-in-apology-over-stolen-wedding-photo/?fbclid=IwAR3-g5e968aZNI8BMSwjaSZ28mipZm_ZDTMnpPW4OfEyo0-GfVafa07xjk8</p> <hr/> <p>Singapore cafe apologizes for calling original ingredients of Nasi Padang ‘nasties’</p> <p>Singapore cafe, The Ritual, has publicly apologized for the choice of words used in their caption, Nasi Padang dish “without the nasties”, was inappropriate and insensitive.</p> <p>Date: June 1, 2021 Source: Mashable SE Asia Author: Jayne Lee Link: https://sea.mashable.com/culture/15936/singapore-cafe-apologizes-for-calling-original-ingredients-of-nasi-padang-nasties</p> <hr/> <p>Arts groups’ operating grants and venue hire subsidies extended</p> <p>The National Arts Council (NAC) announced that it would provide a second tranche of operating grants under the Arts and Culture Resilience Package (ACRP) to more than 200 arts and culture organisations from July onward.</p> <p>Date: May 29, 2021 Source: The Straits Times Author: Olivia Ho Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/arts-groups-operating-grants-and-venue-hire-subsidies-extended</p>
Thailand	<p>Virtual dose of history and culture</p> <p>With tourist attractions closed, a new website by the Fine Arts Department lets you explore 12 historical parks from the comfort of home.</p> <p>Date: June 3, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post</p>

	<p>Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2126095/virtual-dose-of-history-and-culture</p> <hr/> <p>Culture needs govt support</p> <p>This episode concerning the lintels epitomises the importance of local communities in conservation work and complementing the Fine Arts Department's mission.</p> <p>Date: May 29, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/2123555/culture-needs-govt-support</p> <hr/> <p>High-speed rail hits bump in Ayutthaya</p> <p>The Transport Ministry wants to expedite the high-speed rail project from Bangkok to Nong Khai and is trying to overcome an issue over the construction of a new train station in Ayutthaya.</p> <p>Date: May 29, 2021 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2123427/high-speed-rail-hits-bump-in-ayutthaya</p>
Vietnam	<p>Five artworks share similar prize at De Men children's arts awards</p> <p>This year's De Men (Cricket) Arts Awards for Children 2021 didn't have the highest prize of Cricket Knight but five won the Cricket Desire awards.</p> <p>Date: June 02, 2021 Source: Saigon News Author: Link: https://sggpnews.org.vn/culture_art/five-artworks-share-similar-prize-at-de-men-childrens-arts-awards-92591.html</p> <hr/> <p>Archaeological traces affirm existence of early humans in Tuyen Quang</p> <p>Nearly 30 stone-age archaeological relics and thousands of precious</p>

	<p>artifacts have been unearthed in Tuyen Quang, helping affirm that the northern mountainous province is one of the residential areas of primitive humans.</p> <p>Date: June 2, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/archaeological-traces-affirm-existence-of-early-humans-in-tuyen-quang/202441.vnp</p>
	<p>New project preserves ethnic literature and arts</p> <p>A long-term project on protecting and promoting the values of ethnic literature and arts in Vietnam has been launched by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.</p> <p>Date: May 31, 2021 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/new-project-preserves-ethnic-literature-and-arts/202311.vnp</p>

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