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Country	Headline
Cambodia	National Museum delivering free lectures The National Museum of Cambodia organises a monthly forum to the public to showcase the achievements of its researchers and conservations in the field of Cambodian cultural arts. Date: August 18, 2022 Source: Phnom Penh Post Author: Pann Rethea Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/national-museum-delivering-free-lectures
	Over 2 million tourists likely to visit Siem Reap this year Home to the famous UNESCO-listed Angkor Archaeological Park is expected to welcome at least 2.27 million tourists by the end of this year. Date: August 18, 2022 Source: Khmer Times Author: Adur Pradeep Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501134104/over-2-million-tourists-likely-to-visit-siem-reap-this-year/

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Looted Khmer Artifacts Hidden from Magazine Photos

Photographs of “America's most beautiful home” in the magazine Architectural Digest are suspected to have been altered to remove the appearance of looted ancient Khmer artifacts taken illegally from Cambodia.

Date: August 18, 2022

Source: The Laotian Times

Author: Chinda Boutdavong

Link: <https://laotiantimes.com/2022/08/18/looted-khmer-artifacts-hidden-from-magazine-photos/>

Whistling a leaflute tune and keeping the art alive

The Department of Performing Arts under the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts filmed leaflute musician Chhorn Sam Ath, one of the few remaining music masters who can whistle a tune into a leaf to make music.

Date: August 17, 2022

Source: Phnom Penh Post

Author: Pann Rethea

Link: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/lifestyle-arts-culture/whistling-leaflute-tune-and-keeping-art-alive>

‘Golden’ Angkor Wat likely due to natural phenomenon: ANA

Without scientific reason, the Apsara National Authority assumes that the natural phenomenon brings Angkor Wat's spires seemingly coated in gold.

Date: August 16, 2022

Source: Phnom Penh Post

Author: Hong Raksmeay

Link: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/travel/golden-angkor-wat-likely-due-natural-phenomenon-ana>

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Tracing Cambodia's 'looted' Treasures featured in homes of US billionaire family

Large number of artefacts looted from Cambodia are found at homes of US billionaire families leading to further investigation.

Date: August 16, 2022

Source: Khmer Times

Author:

Link: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501132801/tracing-cambodias-looted-treasures-featured-in-homes-of-us-billionaire-family/>

Sambo Prei Kuk sees visitors return

The number of local and international visitors to the pre-Angkorian Sambor Prei Kuk temple has begun to increase after more than two and a half years of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Date: August 15, 2022

Source: Phnom Penh Post

Author: Lay Samean

Link: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/travel/sambor-prei-kuk-sees-visitors-return>

ANA promoting lesser known temples

The APSARA National Authority is promoting many small temples in Siem Reap province which are yet to be discovered by tourists.

Date: August 15, 2022

Source: Phnom Penh Post

Author: Kim Sarom

Link: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/ana-promoting-lesser-known-temples>

'King Jayavarman VII': Classical ballet, with modern style

A performance of the traditional Khmer dance taken from the story of King Jayavarman VII, based on the masterpieces of

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	<p>achievements of three great heroes, will be performed by 200 artists from Princess Norodom Buppha Devi Dance School and the Unions of Youth Federations of Cambodia at Chaktomuk Theatre next weekend.</p> <p>Date: August 14, 2022 Source: Phnom Penh Post Author: Pann Rethea Link: https://www.phnompenhpost.com/lifestyle-arts-culture/king-jayavarman-vii-classic-ballet-modern-style</p>
	<p>20 video series on Cambodian major temples with Indian influences launched</p> <p>The Embassy of India in Cambodia has launched a video series depicting major Cambodian temples with significant Indian influences.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2022 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501131482/20-video-series-on-cambodian-major-temples-with-indian-influences-launched/</p>
<p>Indonesia</p>	<p>Long lost sunken treasure returns to Indonesia</p> <p>Hundreds of ceramics illegally removed from a historic shipwreck have been returned to Indonesia.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2022 Source: arts.gov.au Author: Link: https://www.arts.gov.au/departmental-news/long-lost-sunken-treasure-returns-indonesia</p>
	<p>Traditional Indonesian culture celebrated at museum in Taipei</p> <p>A national museum in Taipei took visitors into a world of diverse and traditional Indonesian beauty as it co-organized an</p>

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	<p>annual event to celebrate the archipelagic country's rich cultural heritage.</p> <p>Date: August 15, 2022 Source: Focus Taiwan Author: Link: https://focustaiwan.tw/culture/202208150011</p>
Malaysia	<p>Penang to push for return of 41 skeletons</p> <p>The Penang government will push for and pursue the return of all 41 skeletons dug out from three shell middens in Guar Kepah, Kepala Batas, to be preserved here.</p> <p>Date: August 17, 2022 Source: News Straits Times Author: Audrey Dermawan Link: https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2022/08/822943/penang-push-return-41-skeletons</p>
	<p>Left in the dark over fate of two mansions</p> <p>Heritage activists, architects and history buffs are questioning the lack of information on the historical Carcosa and Seri Negara mansions following their closure more than three years ago</p> <p>Date: August 15, 2022 Source: The Star Author: Bavani M. Link: https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2022/08/15/left-in-the-dark</p>
Myanmar	<p>Latest hurdle for Mrauk-U's UNESCO World Heritage bid is Russia's invasion of Ukraine: officials</p> <p>The war between Russia and Ukraine could have the unintended side effect of delaying a decision on the bid to have the ancient Arakanese city of Mrauk-U designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p>

	<p>Date: August 17, 2022 Source: BNI Online Author: Link: https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/latest-hurdle-mrauk-us-unesco-world-heritage-bid-russias-invasion-ukraine-officials</p>
Philippines	<p>Baclaran, Quiapo eyed as heritage sites</p> <p>Separate bills have been filed in the House of Representatives calling for Baclaran Church, San Sebastian Church, Quiapo Church, Plaza Miranda, and Plaza del Carmen to be declared as national heritage sites to ensure the preservation and restoration of the structures and their surroundings.</p> <p>Date: August 19, 2022 Source: Inquirer.Net Author: Jeannette I. Andrade Link: https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1649400/baclaran-quiapo-eyed-as-heritage-sites</p> <p>National Museum declares Malabon church cultural gem</p> <p>The 408-year-old San Bartolome Parish Church in Malabon City was declared as an Important Cultural Property by the National Museum of the Philippines.</p> <p>Date: August 16, 2022 Source: The Manila Times Author: Jomar Canlas Link: https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/08/16/news/national/national-museum-declares-malabon-church-cultural-gem/1854746</p>
Singapore	<p>Singapore museum says 400-year-old artifact allegedly stolen from Nepal was acquired by the book</p> <p>The 17th-century religious sculpture missing from Nepal and tracking down to Singapore is now displayed at the Asian Civilizations Museum.</p>

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	<p>Date: August 17, 2022 Source: Channel News Asia Author: Justin Ong Link: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/nepal-stolen-artefact-asian-civilisations-museum-sculpture-neel-barahi-2885446</p>
Thailand	<p>Sdok Kok Thom: Labours of love and hard work</p> <p>The eleventh- century temple of Sdok Kok Thom in Sa Keo province wasn't a tourist attraction site, but it is a place of archaeological history and cultural heritage value.</p> <p>Date: August 18, 2022 Source: Thai PBS Author: Link: https://www.thaipbsworld.com/sdok-kok-thom-labours-of-love-and-hard-work/</p>
Vietnam	<p>Quốc Tử Giám (Imperial Academy) relic in Huế City damaged by fire</p> <p>A building in the UNESCO-recognised Quốc Tử Giám relic in the imperial city of Huế was seriously damaged by fire.</p> <p>Date: August 18, 2022 Source: Vietnam News Author: Link: https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1299013/quoc-tu-giam-imperial-academy-relic-in-hue-city-damaged-by-fire.html</p>