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## Southeast Asian Archeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

December 17-23, 2022

Country	Headline
Brunei	<p><b>History programme all set to preserve heritage</b></p> <p>The Tracing Our History programme is one of the new methods to provide information to the people of Brunei to understand the importance of history.</p> <p>Date: December 20, 2022 Source: Borneo Bulletin Author: Izah Azahari Link: <a href="https://borneobulletin.com.bn/history-programme-all-set-to-preserve-heritage/">https://borneobulletin.com.bn/history-programme-all-set-to-preserve-heritage/</a></p>
Cambodia	<p><b>Historic building preservation a boon for Battambang history buffs</b></p> <p>The restoration of old French colonial style buildings in Battambang province is not only to promote national heritage sites, but also help boost tourism.</p> <p>Date: December 21, 2022 Source: The Phnom Penh Post Author: Bor Pich Zelin Link: <a href="https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/historic-building-preservation-boon-battambang-history-buffs">https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/historic-building-preservation-boon-battambang-history-buffs</a></p>

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### **Tycoon launches crowdfunding for world's biggest Buddha statue**

The biggest Buddha statue of 108-meter-high will be built, spending around \$40 million in line with Khmer tradition.

Date: December 20, 2022

Source: Khmer Times

Author: Chhun Sunly

Link: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501205204/tycoon-launches-crowdfunding-for-worlds-biggest-buddha-statue/>

### **No need for blows in martial arts row**

Khmer traditional martial arts, or "Kun Labokator", was among this year's 22 new inscriptions to Unesco's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2022.

Date: December 19, 2022

Source: Bangkok Post

Author:

Link: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/2463530/no-need-for-blows-in-martial-arts-row>

### **Bayon work marks 30th year**

In 2024, it will mark the 30th anniversary of support of the Japanese government for the Bayon Temple Conservation project.

Date: December 19, 2022

Source: The Phnom Penh Post

Author:

Link: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/bayon-work-marks-30th-year>

### **Chinese experts contributing to Angkor restoration in Cambodia awarded medals**

Two Chinese experts received the government's honorable medals for their contribution to restoring ruined temples at the famed Angkor Archaeological Park.

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	<p>Source: Khmer Times  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501204066/chinese-experts-contributing-to-angkor-restoration-in-cambodia-awarded-medals/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501204066/chinese-experts-contributing-to-angkor-restoration-in-cambodia-awarded-medals/</a></p> <p><b>Feature: Cambodia rejoices as foreign tourists gradually return to famed Angkor</b></p> <p>Cambodia is delighted to see many foreign tourists visiting the ancient site again after two years of almost zero visitors.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2022  Source: Xinhua  Author:  Link: <a href="https://english.news.cn/20221217/8e506716061f43e28e189baac99afa28/c.html">https://english.news.cn/20221217/8e506716061f43e28e189baac99afa28/c.html</a></p> <p><b>Japanese experts to continue researching Khmer history and civilization through major temples</b></p> <p>Japanese experts will continue to study ancient temples in Cambodia to learn more about ancient civilization.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2022  Source: Khmer Times  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501204202/japanese-experts-to-continue-researching-khmer-history-and-civilization-through-major-temples/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501204202/japanese-experts-to-continue-researching-khmer-history-and-civilization-through-major-temples/</a></p>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<p><b>Dutch to return 37 ancient skeletons to Malaysia</b></p> <p>The Netherlands is returning dozens of ancient skeletons stored at the Naturalis natural history museum in Leiden to Malaysia upon an official request from the government.</p> <p>Date: December 18, 2022  Source: The Star  Author: Aliza Shah  Link: <a href="https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/12/18/dutch-to-return-37-ancient-skeletons-to-malaysia">https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/12/18/dutch-to-return-37-ancient-skeletons-to-malaysia</a></p>

<p><b>Thailand</b></p>	<p><b>Bid on to get Thai cloth Unesco billing</b></p> <p>Pha khao ma, a traditional Thai cloth, could be making its way onto Unesco's representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.</p> <p>Date: December 22, 2022  Source: Bangkok Post  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2466347/bid-on-to-get-thai-cloth-unesco-billing">https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2466347/bid-on-to-get-thai-cloth-unesco-billing</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Thai National Theatre brings the curtain down</b></p> <p>The Thai National Theatre is calling its audience for the final, and most like best-ever, performance in recent years before closing for three years of renovation.</p> <p>Date: December 19, 2022  Source: Asean Now  Author:  Link: <a href="https://aseanow.com/topic/1280974-thai-national-theatre-brings-the-curtain-down/">https://aseanow.com/topic/1280974-thai-national-theatre-brings-the-curtain-down/</a></p>
<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>Vietnam: Archaeological Survey of India completes conservation, restoration work of A, H &amp; K group of temples in My Son Sanctuary</b></p> <p>Archaeological Survey of India has completed the conservation and restoration work of A, H and K group of temples at My Son Sanctuary after five years of efforts.</p> <p>Date: December 21, 2022  Source: India Blooms News  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.indiablooms.com/news-details/N/86235/vietnam-archaeological-survey-of-india-completes-conservation-restoration-work-of-a-h-k-group-of-temples-in-my-son-sanctuary.html">https://www.indiablooms.com/news-details/N/86235/vietnam-archaeological-survey-of-india-completes-conservation-restoration-work-of-a-h-k-group-of-temples-in-my-son-sanctuary.html</a></p>