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Country	Headline
Cambodia	Looted relics returned to Cambodia receive monks' blessings At least 13 Cambodian antiquities have been returned this month amid a push in the art world from artists and scholars to return looted works to their countries of origin. Date: March 28, 2023 Source: The World Link: https://theworld.org/stories/2023-03-28/looted-relics-returned-cambodia-receive-monks-blessings
	Cambodia celebrates the 15th anniversary of Preah Vihear on the World Heritage List at the Special Symposium on Preah Vihear and Koh Ker Sites To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Temple of Preah Vihear inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, the National Authority of Preah Vihear organized a special symposium on Preah Vihear and Koh Ker Sites. Date: March 27, 2023 Source: UNESCO Link:

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	<p>https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/cambodia-celebrates-15th-anniversary-preah-vihear-world-heritage-list-special-symposium-preah-vihear</p>
	<p>Apsara National Authority and AJE ink deal on Angkor Conservation</p> <p>The Apsara National Authority of Cambodia and AJE firm have signed a MoU on the enhancement of beauty, sanitation, and environment in the Angkor Archeological Park.</p> <p>Date: March 25, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501262056/apsara-national-authority-and-aje-ink-deal-on-angkor-conservation/</p>
Myanmar	<p>Research paper reading session on Arakanese history held in Sittwe</p> <p>A research paper reading session on Arakanese history, organized mainly to clarify controversial assumptions about Arakanese history and to strengthen research on Arakanese history, was held at Arian Hall on Strand Road in the Arakan State capital on Sunday.</p> <p>Date: March 28, 2023 Source: BNI Online Link: https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/research-paper-reading-session-arakanese-history-held-sittwe</p>
Philippines	<p>Ilocos Norte urges preservation of 65 cultural properties</p> <p>The province of Ilocos Norte urges to protect and preserve 65 important cultural properties.</p> <p>Date: March 28, 2023</p>

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	<p>Source: Philippines News Agency Link: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1198410</p>
Thailand	<p>City Hall revives Songkran events</p> <p>Thai Songkran will be organized this year following traditional ritual and traditional activities after a three years pause due to covid pandemic.</p> <p>Date: March 28, 2023 Source: Bangkok Post Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2538175/city-hall-all-revives-songkran-events</p>
	<p>Madison man works to preserve coffins in Thai caves</p> <p>The Madison man in collaboration with archaeologists from Silpakorn University and conservators from the National Museum of Thailand came up with a plan to preserve ancient coffins in caves in the areas of Mae Hong Son.</p> <p>Date: March 27, 2023 Source: Wisconsin State Journal Link: https://madison.com/news/local/madison-man-works-to-preserve-coffins-in-thai-caves/article_83737191-0b98-5d31-931b-5b67a747ae21.html</p>
Singapore	<p>Interactive: Explore Yip Yew Chong's 60m-long painting of old S'pore before it goes on display</p> <p>Local visual artist Yip Yew Chong spent over 18 months turning his memories of old Singapore into a painting spanning 60m long.</p> <p>Date: March 29, 2023 Source: The Straits Times</p>

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	<p>Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/multimedia/graphics/2023/03/yip-yew-chong-60m-artwork/index.html?shell</p> <hr/> <p>What might happen if Padang is made Unesco World Heritage Site</p> <p>The Padang and civic buildings surrounding it are being listed on the country's tentative list of Unesco World Heritage Sites, which indicates interest in nominating the area for World Heritage Site status in the future.</p> <p>Date: March 27, 2023 Source: The Straits Times Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/what-happens-if-padang-and-surrounding-buildings-become-a-unesco-world-heritage-site</p>
<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Hanoi opens tour to Co Loa Ancient Citadel</p> <p>Hanoi opens tours to the Co Loa Ancient Citadel to travelers allowing them to learn the stories of this ancient citadel.</p> <p>Date: March 30, 2023 Source: Vietnam Net Link: https://vietnamnet.vn/en/hanoi-opens-tour-to-co-loa-ancient-citadel-2126661.html</p> <hr/> <p>World cultural heritage striving to welcome 300,000 visitors in 2023</p> <p>My Son Sanctuary is striving to welcome 300,000 visitors in 2023.</p> <p>Date: March 29, 2023 Source: Vietnam Plus</p>

Link:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/world-cultural-heritage-striving-to-welcome-300000-visitors-in-2023/250652.vnp>

Project brings traditional art to schools

HCM City schools and artists are working on a project to introduce traditional musical instruments and cải lương (reformed opera) to schools across the city this year.

Date: March 28, 2023

Source: Vietnam News

Link:

<https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1502714/project-brings-traditional-art-to-schools.html>

Hanoi striving to preserve, promote national treasures

Hanoi is working hard to protect and promote the values of the treasures and bring them closer to the community.

Date: March 27, 2023

Source:

Link:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/hanoi-striving-to-preserve-promote-national-treasures/250515.vnp>

Exhibition highlights historic documents on Đà Nẵng's role under Nguyễn Dynasty

A remarkable exhibition featuring 100 valuable royal records and wooden blocks from the Nguyễn dynasty (1802-1945) has made its public debut at the Hoàng Sa Museum in the central city of Đà Nẵng.

Date: March 27, 2023

Source: Vietnam News

Link:

<https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1502720/exhibition-highlig>

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<https://www.vietnamnews.vn/opinion/in-the-spotlight/1502530/sa-huynh-archaeological-relics-recognised-as-national-special-heritage.html>

Sa Huỳnh archaeological relics recognised as National Special Heritage

Sa Huỳnh Archaeological Relics in Đức Phở Town have been granted the certificate of National Special Heritage by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Date: March 26, 2023

Source: Vietnam News

Link:

<https://vietnamnews.vn/opinion/in-the-spotlight/1502530/sa-huynh-archaeological-relics-recognised-as-national-special-heritage.html>

Hà Nội seeks support from World Heritage Centre in restoration of Kính Thiên Palace

Hà Nội has received great attention and help in cultural conservation and development from UNESCO for a project to restore Kính Thiên Palace in the Thăng Long Imperial Citadel.

Date: March 26, 2023

Source: Vietnam News

Link:

<https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1502494/ha-no-i-seeks-support-from-world-heritage-centre-in-restoration-of-kinh-thien-palace.html>

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