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## Southeast Asian Archeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

April 15-21, 2023

Country	Headline
Cambodia	<b>PM: Cambodia thankful for return of antiquities</b>  Cambodian Prime Minister thanks to foreign partners for their cooperation in returning precious antiquities that were looted during the country's darkest period.  Date: April 17, 2023 Source: Phnom Penh Post Link: <a href="https://phnompenhpost.com/national/pm-cambodia-thankful-return-antiquities">https://phnompenhpost.com/national/pm-cambodia-thankful-return-antiquities</a>
	<b>Cambodia's tangible and intangible heritages enriched in Angkor Sankranta</b>  The celebration of Angkor Sankranta is an opportunity to showcase the Cambodian tangible and intangible heritages allowing the public to learn more about Cambodian culture and traditional arts and sports.  Date: April 15, 2023 Source: Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501273493/cambodias-tangible-and-intangible-heritages-enriched-in-angkor-sankranta/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501273493/cambodias-tangible-and-intangible-heritages-enriched-in-angkor-sankranta/</a>

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<p><b>Malaysia</b></p>	<p><b>Penang museum set to reopen next year</b></p> <p>The Penang Museum, which is undergoing renovation, plans to reopen for the public next year.</p> <p>Date: April 18, 2023  Source: The Star  Link:  <a href="https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2023/04/18/penang-museum-set-to-reopen-next-year">https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2023/04/18/penang-museum-set-to-reopen-next-year</a></p>
	<p><b>Penang govt committed to retaining Unesco status for George Town</b></p> <p>Efforts to maintain the status of George Town remain an ongoing agenda of the Penang government.</p> <p>Date: April 15, 2023  Source: Free Malaysia Today  Link:  <a href="https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2023/04/15/penang-govt-committed-to-retaining-unesco-status-for-george-town/">https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2023/04/15/penang-govt-committed-to-retaining-unesco-status-for-george-town/</a></p>
<p><b>Philippines</b></p>	<p><b>Nayong Pilipino opens exhibit in Tarlac</b></p> <p>The Nayong Pilipino Foundation (NPF), in partnership with the Tarlac Provincial Government, opened the NAYON SA DIWA: Bringing Cultural Communities Closer to the Heart exhibit at the Diwa ng Tarlac Museum.</p> <p>Date: April 15, 2023  Source: Business Mirror  Link:  <a href="https://businessmirror.com.ph/2023/04/15/nayong-pilipino-opens-exhibit-in-tarlac/">https://businessmirror.com.ph/2023/04/15/nayong-pilipino-opens-exhibit-in-tarlac/</a></p>
<p><b>Thailand</b></p>	<p><b>Tourists visit Historic Town of Sukhothai in Thailand</b></p>

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	<p>Tourists visit the historic town of Sukhothai during the Songkran holiday.</p> <p>Date: April 18, 2023 Source: Xinhua Link: <a href="https://english.news.cn/20230418/ecbfc63f3320483f81ec0214de783137/c.html">https://english.news.cn/20230418/ecbfc63f3320483f81ec0214de783137/c.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Purple Line plans worry art chiefs</b></p> <p>The Fine Arts Department of Thailand has raised concerns to avoid impact on historic sites along a new extension of the Purple Line which will run through Bangkok's Rattanakosin Island old town area.</p> <p>Date: April 15, 2023 Source: Bangkok Post Link: <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2550019/purple-line-plans-worry-art-chiefs">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2550019/purple-line-plans-worry-art-chiefs</a></p>
<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>Archives, photos of Vietnamese Buddhist architectures displayed in Hanoi</b></p> <p>Vietnam National Museum of History exhibits nearly 300 archives and photos featuring the most outstanding features of Vietnamese Buddhist architecture.</p> <p>Date: April 20, 2023 Source: Vietnam Plus Link: <a href="https://en.vietnamplus.vn/archives-photos-of-vietnamese-buddhist-architectures-displayed-in-hanoi/251859.vnp">https://en.vietnamplus.vn/archives-photos-of-vietnamese-buddhist-architectures-displayed-in-hanoi/251859.vnp</a></p> <p><b>Vietnam can be proud of its contributions to cultural heritage safeguarding: ambassador</b></p>

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As a member of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2003, Vietnam is proud of its achievements and active contributions to the implementation of this treaty at national and global level.

Date: April 19, 2023  
Source: Vietnam Plus

Link:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/vietnam-can-be-proud-of-its-contributions-to-cultural-heritage-safeguarding-ambassador/251798.vnp>

### **Ancient civilisation lifts Quang Ngai tourism**

The recognition of the Sa Huynh relic site not only brings pride to the Quang Ngai populace, but also opens new opportunities for tourism promotion, turning the province into a hotspot on the national tourist map.

Date: April 19, 2023  
Source: Vietnam Net

Link:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/ancient-civilisation-lifts-quang-ngai-tourism-2133519.html>

### **Hanoi spares no expense to preserve cultural heritage sites**

Hanoi has spared no expense in renovating and promoting its heritage sites while seeking new ways for sustainable preservation.

Date: April 19, 2023  
Source: Vietnam Plus

Link:

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/hanoi-spares-no-expense-to-preserve-cultural-heritage-sites/251813.vnp>

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**Statue of King An Duong Vuong: National Treasure with rare features**

The 19th century statue of King An Duong Vuong has been recognized as a national treasure.

Date: April 18, 2023

Source: Vietnam Net

Link:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/statue-of-king-an-duong-vuong-national-treasure-with-rare-features-2133512.html>

**Vietnamese Buddhist architecture - unity in diversity**

The exhibition "Vietnamese Buddhist architecture - unity in diversity" is displaying 300 documents and images at the National Museum of History in Hanoi.

Date: April 15, 2023

Source: VOV World

Link:

<https://vovworld.vn/en-US/news/vietnamese-buddhist-architecture-unity-in-diversity-1191455.vov>

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