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## Southeast Asian Archeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

April 22-28, 2023

Country	Headline
Cambodia	<b>Archaeological dig breaks ground at Preah Vihear</b>  The Director of the Department of Conservation and Archaeological Excavation of the National Authority for Preah Vihear conducts a groundbreaking ceremony for the archeological site at the West Hall Bridge of Preah Vihear Temple.  Date: April 25, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278563/archaeological-dig-breaks-ground-at-preah-vihear/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278563/archaeological-dig-breaks-ground-at-preah-vihear/</a>
	<b>May 8 return for Royal Ploughing Ceremony after three years</b>  Cambodia will once again celebrate one of the most royal's ceremonies, the Royal Ploughing Ceremony, after putting it on hold for three consecutive years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  Date: April 24, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Link:

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	<p><a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278048/may-8-return-fo-r-royal-ploughing-ceremony-after-three-years/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278048/may-8-return-fo-r-royal-ploughing-ceremony-after-three-years/</a></p> <p><b>Citizens hand over nine artifacts to Preah Vihear National Authority</b></p> <p>Villagers give pottery and ancient stone tools to the Department of Research, Training and Documentation of Preah Vihear National Authority to be preserved and displayed at the Samdech Techo Hun Sen Eco-Global Museum.</p> <p>Date: April 24, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278345/citizens-hand-over-nine-artifacts-to-preah-vihear-national-authority/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501278345/citizens-hand-over-nine-artifacts-to-preah-vihear-national-authority/</a></p>
<p><b>Malaysia</b></p>	<p><b>Amid Unesco cultural heritage bid, Malaysian experts worry about dying art of ‘kebaya’ embroidery</b></p> <p>Kebaya art of dying and embroidery is amid UNESCO cultural heritage bids as it is at a concerning stage of losing its cultural identity and practice.</p> <p>Date: April 23, 2023 Source: Malay Mail Link: <a href="https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2023/04/23/amid-unesco-cultural-heritage-bid-malaysian-experts-worry-about-dying-art-of-kebaya-embroidery/65361">https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2023/04/23/amid-unesco-cultural-heritage-bid-malaysian-experts-worry-about-dying-art-of-kebaya-embroidery/65361</a></p>
<p><b>Philippines</b></p>	<p><b>Buildings of 122-year-old PNU designated nat’l cultural treasures, important cultural properties</b></p> <p>Three buildings of a 122-year-old university in Manila were officially recognized as an important part of the country’s heritage.</p>

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	<p>Date: April 27, 2023  Source: Interaksyon  Link:  <a href="https://interaksyon.philstar.com/trends-spotlights/2023/04/27/249571/pnu-heritage-buildings-national-cultural-treasures-important-cultural-properties/">https://interaksyon.philstar.com/trends-spotlights/2023/04/27/249571/pnu-heritage-buildings-national-cultural-treasures-important-cultural-properties/</a></p>
	<p><b>Vigan, NCCA to repair structures damaged by July 2022 quake</b></p> <p>The National Commission on the Culture and the Arts did not allow the Vigan City governor to repair heritage buildings that had been damaged by the earthquake.</p> <p>Date: April 24, 2023  Source: Daily Tribune  Link:  <a href="https://tribune.net.ph/2023/04/24/vigan-to-repair-structures-damaged-by-july-2022-quake/">https://tribune.net.ph/2023/04/24/vigan-to-repair-structures-damaged-by-july-2022-quake/</a></p>
	<p><b>Malate Church declared ‘important cultural property’</b></p> <p>The National Museum of the Philippines has declared the Our Lady of Remedies Parish Church complex in Manila’s Malate district as an “important cultural property”.</p> <p>Date: April 24, 2023  Source: Interaksyon  Link:  <a href="https://interaksyon.philstar.com/trends-spotlights/2023/04/24/249171/malate-church-declared-important-cultural-property/">https://interaksyon.philstar.com/trends-spotlights/2023/04/24/249171/malate-church-declared-important-cultural-property/</a></p>
<b>Thailand</b>	<p><b>Handover Ceremony of Ban Chiang Archaeological Artifacts from the United States to Thailand</b></p> <p>The United State of America returned 13 Ban Chiang archaeological artifacts to Thailand.</p>

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	<p>Date: April 25, 2023  Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand  Link:  <a href="https://www.mfa.go.th/en/content/pr250423-2?cate=5d5bcb4e15e39c306000683e">https://www.mfa.go.th/en/content/pr250423-2?cate=5d5bcb4e15e39c306000683e</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>What's new in Bangkok 2023: new art galleries to visit</b></p> <p>There are a number of new art galleries presenting creative art works of renowned artists that cater to both tourists and locals.</p> <p>Date: April 25, 2023  Source: ASEAN Now  Link:  <a href="https://aseannow.com/topic/1292997-what%E2%80%99s-new-in-bangkok-2023-new-art-galleries-to-visit/">https://aseannow.com/topic/1292997-what%E2%80%99s-new-in-bangkok-2023-new-art-galleries-to-visit/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Thai officials prepare for the opening of Historic Prison Museum on May 19th</b></p> <p>The Correction Museum is under a plan to reopen that will bring a lot of excitement among historians and the public.</p> <p>Date: April 22, 2023  Source: ASEAN Now  Link:  <a href="https://aseannow.com/topic/1292774-thai-officials-prepare-for-the-opening-of-historic-prison-museum-on-may-19th/">https://aseannow.com/topic/1292774-thai-officials-prepare-for-the-opening-of-historic-prison-museum-on-may-19th/</a></p>
<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>Restoration of HCM City History Museum begins</b></p> <p>The restoration of the Hồ Chí Minh Museum of History, one of the city's seven biggest museums, has begun.</p> <p>Date: April 24, 2023  Source: Vietnam News</p>

Link:

<https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1523981/restoration-of-hcm-city-history-museum-begins.html>

### **Hanoi to build on-site museum at Thang Long Citadel**

A large underground archaeological museum with direct access to the excavation pits can be an attraction for visitors to Thang Long Imperial Citadel.

Date: April 23, 2023

Source: Vietnam Net

Link:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/hanoi-to-build-on-site-museum-at-thang-long-citadel-2135734.html>

### **A visit to Vietnam's 7,000-year-old fishing village**

The oldest fishing village on Cat Hai island is the most important archaeological site in the coastal area and islands of Northeast Vietnam.

Date: April 22, 2023

Source: Vietnam Net

Link:

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/a-visit-to-vietnam-s-7-000-year-old-fishing-village-2134815.html>

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