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## Southeast Asian Archeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

August 12-18, 2023

Country	Headline
Cambodia	<b>Cambodia identifies nearly 30 natural protected areas with cultural heritage sites</b>  The Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and the Ministry of Environment have identified 27 natural protected areas with cultural heritage sites out of 73 natural protected areas in Cambodia.  Date: August 18, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501345049/cambodia-identifies-nearly-30-natural-protected-areas-with-cultural-heritage-sites/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501345049/cambodia-identifies-nearly-30-natural-protected-areas-with-cultural-heritage-sites/</a>
	<b>Over 1,200 ancient artifacts identified so far this year</b>  Oddar Meanchey provincial authorities have identified at least 1,260 ancient artifacts from archaeological sites this year.  Date: August 15, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Tith Kongnov

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	<p>Link:  <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501342845/over-1200-ancient-artefacts-identified-so-far-this-year/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501342845/over-1200-ancient-artefacts-identified-so-far-this-year/</a></p>
	<p><b>Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam say the Denver Art Museum still holds their stolen heritage</b></p> <p>Cambodia and two other countries in Southeast Asia are continuing their effort to repatriate stolen ancient artifacts from the Denver Art Museum.</p> <p>Date: August 15, 2023  Source: Khmer Times  Author:  Link:  <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501343000/cambodia-thailand-and-vietnam-say-the-denver-art-museum-still-holds-their-stolen-heritage/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501343000/cambodia-thailand-and-vietnam-say-the-denver-art-museum-still-holds-their-stolen-heritage/</a></p>
	<p><b>Culture ministry preparing to deploy high-tech laser scanner</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia is preparing to deploy a high-tech laser scanner to document and preserve the nation's cultural heritage.</p> <p>Date: August 15, 2023  Source:  Author:  Link:  <a href="https://phnompenhpost.com/national/culture-ministry-preparing-deploy-high-tech-laser-scanner">https://phnompenhpost.com/national/culture-ministry-preparing-deploy-high-tech-laser-scanner</a></p>
	<p><b>Experts restore the 22nd brick tower of Bakong temple</b></p> <p>The Apsara National Authority is taking action to repair and strengthen the 22nd tower of Bakong temple that is recently facing a high risk of deterioration.</p> <p>Date: August 14, 2023  Source: Khmer Times  Author:</p>

	<p>Link:  <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501342546/experts-restore-the-22nd-brick-tower-of-bakong-temple/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501342546/experts-restore-the-22nd-brick-tower-of-bakong-temple/</a></p> <p><b>Water Festival set for November</b></p> <p>Cambodia sets a date to celebrate the 2023 Water Festival that will be held in November.</p> <p>Date: August 13, 2023  Source: The Phnom Penh Post  Author: Neang Sokunthea  Link:  <a href="https://phnompenhpost.com/national/water-festival-set-november">https://phnompenhpost.com/national/water-festival-set-november</a></p>
<p><b>Indonesia</b></p>	<p><b>Borobudur Temple to Be Promoted as World Spiritual Tourism Destination</b></p> <p>Borobudur temple with its richest historical and spiritual value has potential to be promoted as the world's spiritual tourism destination.</p> <p>Date: August 12, 2023  Source: TEMPO.CO  Author:  Link:  <a href="https://en.tempo.co/read/1758831/borobudur-temple-to-be-promoted-as-world-spiritual-tourism-destination">https://en.tempo.co/read/1758831/borobudur-temple-to-be-promoted-as-world-spiritual-tourism-destination</a></p>
<p><b>Myanmar</b></p>	<p><b>Restoration of historic structures in post-Mocha storm completed</b></p> <p>The Department of Archaeology and National Museum is working on maintenance work of the ancient buildings in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone.</p> <p>Date: August 16, 2023  Source: Global New Light of Myanmar  Author:</p>

	<p>Link:  <a href="https://www.gnlm.com.mm/restoration-of-historic-structures-in-post-mocha-storm-completed/">https://www.gnlm.com.mm/restoration-of-historic-structures-in-post-mocha-storm-completed/</a></p> <p><b>Revitalizing Bagan’s Heritage: Extensive data collection unveiled for 416 pagodas adorned with mural paintings</b></p> <p>To preserve mural painting and revitalize Bagan’s heritage, the Bagan Division of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum has conducted a comprehensive data collection of 416 pagodas adorned with mural paintings.</p> <p>Date: August 12, 2023  Source: Global New Light Myanmar  Author:  Link:  <a href="https://www.gnlm.com.mm/revitalizing-bagans-heritage-extensive-data-collection-unveiled-for-416-pagodas-adorned-with-mural-paintings/">https://www.gnlm.com.mm/revitalizing-bagans-heritage-extensive-data-collection-unveiled-for-416-pagodas-adorned-with-mural-paintings/</a></p>
<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>New experiences at museums and relic sites</b></p> <p>New recreation activities have been introduced to spread and promote the value of museums, relic sites as well as to generate revenue to sustain museum activities and relic sites.</p> <p>Date: August 15, 2023  Source: Nhan Dan  Author:  Link:  <a href="https://en.nhandan.vn/new-experiences-at-museums-and-relic-sites-post128439.html">https://en.nhandan.vn/new-experiences-at-museums-and-relic-sites-post128439.html</a></p>