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## Southeast Asian Archeology, Culture and Fine Arts News

December 9-15, 2023

Country	Headline
Cambodia	<p><b>Experts discuss conservation, development of Cambodia's UNESCO-listed Preah Vihear (VIDEO)</b></p> <p>The International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Preah Vihear (ICC-Preah Vihear) held its eighth plenary and technical session in northwest Cambodia to discuss conservation and development of Preah Vihear temple.</p> <p>Date: December 14, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501406843/experts-discuss-conservation-development-of-cambodias-unesco-listed-preah-vihear-2/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501406843/experts-discuss-conservation-development-of-cambodias-unesco-listed-preah-vihear-2/</a></p>
	<p><b>Art exhibition at National Museum reflects Apsara dance (Video)</b></p> <p>The Cambodian artists' community in conjunction with the Museum Department of the General Department of Heritage are staging an exhibition of paintings by 14 local and international artists under the title 'Tep Apsara Khmer Heritage.' The event runs from December 9 to January 30, 2024 at the National Museum of Cambodia.</p> <p>Date: December 12, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Nang Veasna</p>

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	<p>Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405388/art-exhibition-at-national-museum-reflects-apsara-dance/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405388/art-exhibition-at-national-museum-reflects-apsara-dance/</a></p> <p><b>Japan provides \$300,000 to help preserve the Sambor Prei Kuk Archaeological Site (VIDEO)</b></p> <p>The Government of Japan has decided on a new assistance project which is equivalent to \$300,000 for restoration work as well as human resource development of Sambor Prei Kuk Archaeological Site, namely, “Human Resources Development Project in Conservation and Restoration for Sambor Prei Kuk Archaeological Site”.</p> <p>Date: December 12, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405710/japan-provides-300000-to-help-preserve-the-sambor-prei-kuk-archaeological-site/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405710/japan-provides-300000-to-help-preserve-the-sambor-prei-kuk-archaeological-site/</a></p> <p><b>Cambodia, Germany train stone conservation skills and celebrate the 15th anniversary of their relationship in Angkor</b></p> <p>APSARA National Authority has cooperated with GIZ of Germany to conduct a training course on stone treatment and conservation for 20 Cambodian trainees at Banteay Samre temple for half a year as of December 8, 2023.</p> <p>Date: December 11, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: <a href="https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405018/cambodia-germany-train-stone-conservation-skills-and-celebrate-the-15th-anniversary-of-their-relationship-in-angkor/">https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501405018/cambodia-germany-train-stone-conservation-skills-and-celebrate-the-15th-anniversary-of-their-relationship-in-angkor/</a></p>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<p><b>A canvas of faith and splendour</b></p> <p>The Islamics Art Museum Malaysia, the largest museum of Islamic arts in Southeast Asia with more than 13,000 paintings and artifacts from around the world, is ranked number 1 tourist attraction in the city in Tripadvisor.</p> <p>Date: December 10, 2023 Source: The Star Author: Wong Chun Wai</p>

	<p>Link: <a href="https://www.thestar.com.my/news/focus/2023/12/10/a-canvas-of-faith-and-splendour">https://www.thestar.com.my/news/focus/2023/12/10/a-canvas-of-faith-and-splendour</a></p> <p><b>Celebrating age-old art of Batik</b></p> <p>Kuala Lumpur Conservation Centre and Yayasan Budi Penyayang Malaysia are organizing a “Batik Explosion” programme aiming to preserve culture and reach a wider audience.</p> <p>Date: December 9, 2023  Source: The Star  Author: Vijjienthi Nair  Link: <a href="https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2023/12/09/celebrating-age-old-art-of-batik">https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2023/12/09/celebrating-age-old-art-of-batik</a></p>
<p><b>Philippines</b></p>	<p><b>Piña inscribed in Unesco list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity</b></p> <p>Piña handloom weaving has been internationally identified and recognized as a contribution to the worldwide list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on December 5.</p> <p>Date: December 15, 2023  Source: The Manila Times  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/12/15/opinion/columns/pia-inscribed-in-unesco-list-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-of-humanity/1924276">https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/12/15/opinion/columns/pia-inscribed-in-unesco-list-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-of-humanity/1924276</a></p>
<p><b>Thailand</b></p>	<p><b>National Museum and 10 major temples in Bangkok will open to visitors at night Dec 24 - Jan 2</b></p> <p>The National Museum Bangkok and 10 major temples in Bangkok will open to visitors at night from 24 December 2023 to 2 January 2024, to celebrate the New Year and promote Thailand’s tourism and “soft power.”</p> <p>Date: December 9, 2023  Source: Pattaya Mail  Author:  Link: <a href="https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/national-museum-and-10-major-temples-in-bangkok-will-open-to-visitors-at-night-dec-24-jan-2-447356">https://www.pattayamail.com/thailandnews/national-museum-and-10-major-temples-in-bangkok-will-open-to-visitors-at-night-dec-24-jan-2-447356</a></p>

<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>Year-end cultural programmes to be staged in Đà Nẵng, Hội An</b></p> <p>A series of art shows and cultural programmes will be organized in the central city of Đà Nẵng and Hội An ancient town as celebrations of Christmas Day and New Year among local residents, expats and visitors.</p> <p>Date: December 14, 2023  Source: Viet Nam News  Author:  Link: <a href="https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637966/year-end-cultural-programmes-to-be-staged-in-da-nang-hoi-an.html">https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637966/year-end-cultural-programmes-to-be-staged-in-da-nang-hoi-an.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Traditional dance art</b></p> <p>Regular weekly activities have been carried out to preserve and develop the beauty of traditional dance art of the Thái community in Nghệ An province.</p> <p>Date: December 13, 2023  Source: Viet Nam News  Author:  Link: <a href="https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637975/traditional-dance-art.html">https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637975/traditional-dance-art.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Tara/Avalokiteshvara reunited with missing fragile</b></p> <p>The statue of Tara/Avalokiteshvara have been reunited with the original, completing the collection at the Museum of Chăm Sculpture of Đà Nẵng after a separation of 45 years since the statue was excavated in Quảng Nam Province.</p> <p>Date: December 12, 2023  Source: Viet Nam News  Author:  Link: <a href="https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637848/tara-avalokiteshvara-statue-reunited-with-missing-fragments.html">https://vietnamnews.vn/life-style/1637848/tara-avalokiteshvara-statue-reunited-with-missing-fragments.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Installation art reflects silhouette of Thang Long Imperial Citadel</b></p> <p>The exhibition uses 3D mapping technology and installation art to tell the story of Thang Long culture.</p> <p>Date: December 9, 2023</p>

	<p>Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: <a href="https://vietnamnet.vn/en/installation-art-reflects-silhouette-of-thang-long-imperial-citadel-2225624.html">https://vietnamnet.vn/en/installation-art-reflects-silhouette-of-thang-long-imperial-citadel-2225624.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Hanoi's centuries-old village faces ruin without restoration funding</b></p> <p>Houses and relics in Duong Lam village, a "preserved" national historical and cultural site, are crumbling, but authorities haven't obtained funding for restoration.</p> <p>Date: December 9, 2023 Source: VN EXPRESS Author: Link: <a href="https://e.vnexpress.net/photo/news/hanoi-centuries-old-village-faces-ruin-without-restoration-funding-4685553.html">https://e.vnexpress.net/photo/news/hanoi-centuries-old-village-faces-ruin-without-restoration-funding-4685553.html</a></p>

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