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The Return of Lost Khmer Cultural Objects to the Kingdom of Cambodia

The Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts wishes to update the public regarding the execution of the Agreement for the Return of Khmer Cultural Properties between the Royal Government of Cambodia and Douglas Latchford's family as referred to in the Ministry's press release issued on 29 January 2021 concerning the more than 100 stone and bronze Khmer antiquities which will be returned to Cambodia.

In this initial stage, five Khmer masterpieces, including a stone sculpture of Shiva and Skanda, originally from Koh Ker, a half male half female statue and a bronze boat prow will be returned from the United Kingdom to their homeland Cambodia on 29 September 2021. These 5 statues will be placed at the Phnom Penh National Museum for experts to evaluate, clean, repair and install necessary pedestals in preparation for an official handover ceremony at an appropriate time to be announced by the Royal Government.

