

Thai PBS - Art in Embassies exhibition opens at US Ambassador's residence in Vientiane



US Ambassador to Laos Daniel A Clune, and wife Judy Clune, welcomed Lao artists, government officials, and members of the diplomatic community to their residence on May 13 to officially open the US Art in Embassies (AIE) weaving exhibition at the ambassador's residence in Vientiane, according to Lao News Agency.

The exhibition features blankets, tapestries, and rugs from the Navajo people, the largest federally recognized native American tribe in the United States.

The ambassador and Mrs Clune also selected silk weavings created in Laos for the exhibition to show the similarities in the design and techniques used in the two countries. In his remarks before the official opening of the exhibition, Ambassador Clune stated, "Both Laos and the United States have strong weaving traditions that date back thousands of years, and both Lao and Navajo weavers use their incredible talent and imaginations to create stunning pieces that are coveted around the globe."

The attendees were also treated to a presentation on Navajo weaving tradition and culture by three generations of Navajo women, who are visiting Laos as part of a US Embassy cultural exchange program. Following the presentation, Ambassador Clune officially opened the exhibition, which will run for the duration of the Ambassador's time in Laos.

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