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Traditional Art and Ethnology Center

Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre (TAEC) is a local social enterprise founded in 2006 to promote the appreciation and transmission of Laos' ethnic cultural heritage and livelihoods based on traditional skills. TAEC is located in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang, Lao PDR.

The Centre's primary activities are two-fold: a museum, and fair-trade handicraft stores directly linked with artisan communities across Laos. TAEC's work includes school outreach activities, craft workshops, lectures, research, and a non-profit foundation in the USA. Over the past ten years, the Centre has expanded to include a growing collection of ethnic minority artefacts, a small library, family activity centre, and outdoor patio space for special events.

TAEC has emerged as a regional leader in cultural heritage management and community development. It is the only independent resource and learning centre for both foreign visitors and local citizens dedicated to the country's many and diverse ethnic groups.

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