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***Splendour and Sacrifice: Taoism of Northern Laos:*  
A new exhibition at the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre, Luang Prabang**

A temporary exhibition entitled *Splendour and Sacrifice: Taoism of Northern Laos* will be opening at the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre, Luang Prabang, Laos on 29 September 2009. The culmination of two years' research supported by the US Embassy to Lao PDR, the exhibition explores the Taoist beliefs, rituals and artefacts of the Yao ethnic group. Items on display include silk-embroidered priest's robes, ceremonial masks and prayer books, a documentary video, and a recreation of an ordination ritual. Visitors to TAEC will get a fascinating glimpse into the religious life of the Yao Mien and Yao Mun people.

The Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre (TAEC) is a museum in Luang Prabang about the lifestyles and traditions of the ethnic minority groups of Laos, exhibiting traditional clothing, jewellery, handicrafts and religious artefacts. TAEC also includes a Museum Shop selling authentic hand-made handicrafts from village artisans and Le Patio Café serving food, drinks and cakes (from the owners of L'Elephant).

*Splendour and Sacrifice: Taoism of Northern Laos* will run from 30 September 2009 – 15 September 2010. Admission to the exhibition is included in the price of entry to the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre, 20,000k (about \$2.40) per person. Entry for Lao citizens is free.

Open: 9.00am – 6.00pm, Tuesday – Sunday (closed Mondays).  
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