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## NEW LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME AT THE PENINSULA BANGKOK COMBINES TAI CHI AND THAI MASSAGE

Three-hour programme to be available May through August 2012

The Peninsula Bangkok has created an exciting new three-hour programme called "Tai Chi and Thai Massage" which, as the name suggests, combines a session of Tai Chi with a relaxing Thai Massage.

Available from 1 May to 31 August 2012, the programme begins with a one-hour Tai Chi class conducted by a certified Tai Chi trainer.

Originally from China and now popular around the world, Tai Chi is a slow motion meditative exercise for relaxation, health and self-defense. The origins of Tai Chi are in Taoism and martial arts. Tai Chi Chuan means 'Supreme Ultimate Boxing', the *Supreme Ultimate* referring to the Tao, or more specifically, the framework within which Yin and Yang manifest in the field of time and *Chuan* to a school or method of boxing or combat. Today, Tai Chi can be used to 'fight' fatigue, stress, overworked bodies or lack of understanding of oneself and one's body. Practicing Tai Chi daily promotes mental clarity and a healthy body, assists with balance and helps circulation of the chi and blood.

Following the Tai Chi class is a well-earned 30 minutes of deep relaxation spent in the heat and aqua facilities of The Peninsula Spa and a 1-hour-20-minute Thai Massage.

The three-hour Tai Chi and Thai Massage programme is priced at THB 5,000 plus tax and service charge per person. The recommended starting time for the programme is 9:30 am. A minimum of one day advance reservation is required and appointment reservation is subject to availability.



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The Peninsula Spa offers a deeply personalised spa experience like nowhere else in Bangkok, located in the hotel's three-storey Thai-colonial building. The 1,774 sq m (19,000 sq ft) spa features 14 treatment rooms and four suites – two Private Spa Suites and two River Private Spa Suites – as well as a Tea Lounge and Relaxation Rooms, creating a full-service oasis in the heart of the city that is a spa destination in itself.

For more information or reservations, please contact The Peninsula Spa on (66-2) 626 1946 or e-mail <a href="mailto:spapbk@peninsula.com">spapbk@peninsula.com</a>

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