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Join us in the Celebration of Newly Listed Tomyum Kung as World's Heritage

On December 3, 2024, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage listed “Tomyum Kung” on UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

This recognition highlights the global significance of Tomyum Kung (Thai Style Shrimp Soup) as a symbol of Thailand’s culinary wisdom, celebrated for its unique balance of sweet, sour, salty, and spicy flavors enriched by the use of exquisite herbs. Originating from the riverside communities of Thailand’s Central Plains, the dish embodies a lifestyle of simplicity, self-sufficiency, and harmony with nature. It displays the community’s knowledge of natural ingredients while offering numerous health benefits.

The inscription of Tomyum Kung as “World’s Intangible Heritage” not only brings pride to Thailand but also enhances international appreciation for the cultural value and rich heritage embodied in this iconic Thai dish.

Inspired to taste the Thai dish and be part of the listing’s celebration? Here comes the chance as you can now find several Thai Select-certified restaurants in your neighborhood. These restaurants, guaranteed by Thailand’s Ministry of Commerce, offer a true taste of Thai cuisine, authentic ingredients and traditional way of cooking. Bring your friends and family to experience the rich flavor of Thai cuisine. Find a right “Thai Select” restaurant here: <https://thaiselect.jp/>

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