

## **Press Release**

## "The 2005 Songkran Festival by Thai Pavilion"

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, which is a representative of the Royal Thai Government, is an organizer of this year's "Songkran Festival" to be held in Aichi EXPO 2005, Japan. The event will take place at the Event Hall located inside the Thai Pavilion on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, the day commonly known in Thai as "Maha Songkran Day" or the Thai New Year's Day. Participants will enjoy and experience our unique traditional Thai performances and demonstrations of the Buddhist rituals, for instance, a Thai classical dance show "Ram Chern Phrakwan", a bathing ritual of a Buddha image, a water blessing ceremony, including a visual presentation of "Songkran Festival".

Please visit the Thai Pavilion to celebrate the Thai New Year's Day and enjoy the highlight performances and demonstrations on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at the time listed below.

1 <sup>st</sup> session	11:00-11:30
2 <sup>nd</sup> session	14:00-14:30*
3 <sup>rd</sup> session	16:00-16:30

<sup>\*</sup>Priority will be given to VIP guest & press in this session of the show.

