

THAI MASSAGE

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT, SHIFTING
PERSPECTIVES, AND NEW DIRECTIONS



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“When any person is sick at Siam he begins with causing his whole body to be molded by one who is skillful herein, who gets upon the body of the sick person and tramples him under his feet.”

—Simon de la Loubère,
French liaison to the Thai Royal Court in Ayutthaya, 1690

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