Panang Chicken Curry

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Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes

1-pound chicken breasts prepared (if available) or 1 lb. fresh organic chicken cut to 1-inch pieces

- 1 green bell pepper sliced in ¼ inch strips
- 1 red bell pepper sliced in $^{1}\!\!/_{4}$ inch strips
- 1 small yellow squash, halved length wise then sliced in $^1\!\!/_4$ inch thick
- 1/4 large yellow onion minced
- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1.5 tablespoon Coconut oil
- 1/2 jar of red curry paste or to taste
- 1-piece lemon grass cut into thirds
- ¹/₄ cup thai basil or regular sweet basil (depending on availability)
- 1 small can sliced bamboo shoots (drained)
- 1 tablespoon natural peanut butter or nut butter
- 2 teaspoons fish sauce
- 4 teaspoons Honey
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1. Prepare 1.5 cups of quinoa or 1.5 cups brown rice according to directions.
- 2. Heat large cast iron skillet or wok if available. Add coconut oil and minced onion.
- 3. Sauté finely chopped onions in hot coconut oil until translucent.
- 4. Add minced garlic, red, green bell peppers. Cook for 2 minutes constantly stirring. Add squash and cook for 1 additional minute
- 5. Add chopped lemon grass.
- 6. Push veggies to one side of the pan. Add precooked chicken and allow to heat through or add chopped chicken and allow to until chicken slightly browned.
- 7. Mix and move to one side of pan.
- 8. Add ¹/₂ tablespoon of coconut oil to open space of pan. Allow to melt and become hot.
- 9. Add curry paste to hot oil and allow paste to fry in oil. Wait until oil separates from the paste, gently moving the curry paste in the oil.
- 10. Stir in unsweetened peanut butter, fish sauce and honey.
- 11. Cook stirring regularly for 2 minutes.
- 12. Add coconut milk and stir to combine.
- 13. Simmer additional for 5-7 minutes or until chicken is fully cooked.
- 14. Add basil leaves and stir
- 15. Plate with prepared quinoa or brown rice. Enjoy!

*** Use prepared quinoa or previously cooked chicken to reduce cooking time