

The proof of concept of Keanu Reeves' Man of Tai Chi

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As the mercury keeps creeping up this summer, [Tai Chi](#) is getting hotter by the day. I [reported](#) a couple of days ago that Hollywood super star Jet Li's [Taiji Zen](#) is taking applications for students. American Sci-fi [The Matrix](#) hero Keanu Reeves just released the proof of concept of his new movie [Man of Tai Chi](#).



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Reeve was talking to the team at the beginning date of the filming.
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Keanu Reeves' directorial debut [Man of Tai Chi](#) started filming in China since the end of February. His team has been working hard and they just wrapped up the proof of concept of how to use the most advanced technology to capture the fighting sequence and its details. [Bot & Dolly's Iris](#) is an advanced robotically controlled camera system that takes audience in, up and around the flying hands and feet during the fight. Keanu Reeves said it gives a “flesh and blood” element.

Estimated Village Roadshow and the China Film Group are investing \$30 millions in [Man of Tai Chi](#). Shooting will last for 6 months in both Beijing and Hong Kong. Tiger Chen Hu, Reeves' [Kung Fu](#) coach and [The Matrix](#) stunt team member, is the protagonist while Reeves plays the villain. Hong Kong singer-actress Karen Mok plays the female lead. Chinese Kung Fu movie maestro [Yuen Woo-ping](#) choreographs the movie.

Tiger Chen attended Sichuan [Wushu](#) Team at the age 8 and had since won numerous Kung Fu competitions in China. He moved to USA at the age 19 and was honored all-around Karate Champion as well as gold medalist in Tai Chi form, sword and staff tournaments. He was he recognized by Yuen Wo Ping and became Yuen' protégé. He was the coach for many Hollywood movie stars.

With this new movie, Chen Hu and Keanue Reeves are going to change the stereotypical image of Tai Chi. Instead of slow movements practice by seniors; they

will bring the gusty martial art aspect of Tai Chi to the global audience. There will be 18 fights, which will take about 40-minute show time. If you still have doubt about what Keanu's Tai Chi fights could be, just see the video.

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