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Biravij Suwanpradhes, Ambassador of Thailand to Brunei Darussalam with the travelling Brunei group at the Arts of the Kingdom exhibition in Thailand

Taking a first-hand look on facilities provided to Muslim travellers

Centre of Thailand – one of the largest mosques in Bangkok, with an accommodating capacity of more than 1,000 people and featuring two big call-to-prayer halls marked by a unique architectural design.

Hotel houses two restaurants serving Halal dishes. Drown and Bakarat; the latter is a fine dining restaurant located on the mezzanine floor. It is 10km away from Bangkok city centre, which is home to famous shopping spots such as the Mall Central World, Paragon, Platinum and MBK. During peak hours, it will take roughly 30 to 45 minutes by car to reach the bustling city centre.

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