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New Attractions: Two Demons at the Thai Pavilion

The two replicas of the popular demon guardians, known in Thai language as “Yak”, have arrived at the Aichi EXPO 2005 to welcome all visitors. Placed at the entrance of the Thai Pavilion, they have become a popular spot for many visitors who enjoy taking snapshots of our two “Yak”.



In Thailand, demon guardians are commonly seen standing in front of the main entrances of the temples and are believed to be the protection deities against all demonic and evil spirits and guardians of our precious temples and Buddhism.

According to the Buddhist and Brahmin beliefs including various ancient myths, Yak are classified as neither human nor godlike figures but there are two types of Yaks, the good ones and the bad ones. Additionally, “Yak” are colorful characters in the famous Thai epic entitled Ramakien, which was originated from the Indian version of Ramayana. In Bangkok, you can find these mythological figures towering as loyal guardians of our world famous temples such as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Keo), the Temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Po), and the Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun).



Our two astonishing demons are waiting to welcome you all at the Thai Pavilion.



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