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ABSTRACT

The economy in China is developing rapidly; there are so many people in China. These two situations shape a large potential tourism market for the tourism destinations which are located around China. Tourism industry, which plays the most important role in proving Thailand's economic development, is the mainstay industry in Thailand. To promote the advancement of national economy and raise the living standard of Thai people more effectively, great effort should be put in to obtain this most potential tourism group in Asia.

Suvarnabhumi International Airport (SIA), which began operation in 2006, is the most significant gateway in Thailand. To investigate Chinese tourists' expectations and evaluations from their travel experiences to SIA would be beneficial, which would be helpful for the long-term development of SIA and tourism industries in Thailand. Hence, this paper aims to survey the evaluation of the service quality and satisfaction levels of Chinese tourists to SIA.

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