

## Huay Pong Royal Project Development Center

### **Background**

In 1982, the center started its work with the collaboration with Tribal Research Institute; Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai university; and Hill Tribe Development and Welfare Center. Their work includes developing and promoting temperate crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy



cultivation and shifting cultivation among Lahu at Bann Pong Pha-lard.

On February, 27 1984, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visited the area and saw how much the area was developed by the center. The visit seemed to be the morale for the villagers to continue with temperate crop cultivation and self-sufficient living.

### **General Information**

#### **Geography**

The area is mountainous with not many plains at 780 – 1,200 meters above sea level covering 11,124 Rai or 4,396 acres.

#### **Climate**

The area average temperature is 21.75 °C or 71.15 °F.

#### **Population**

There are more than 7,720 LahuNa and lowland people living in 16 villages.

### **Huay Pong Royal Project Development Center**

At present, Huay Pong Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots to find suitable varieties for the area and promoted cultivation of many crops under Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Thailand Organic Standard of the

Department of Agriculture. The center also supports for flower, fruit, field crop, tea, Arabica coffee cultivation and animal farming to generate local farmers' sustainable income and good life quality. Furthermore, the supports are provided for the reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", community engagement in strengthen individual and community itself. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

### **Main produces of the Center**

Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, Cos, Celery, Broccoli, Baby Pak Choi, Japanese Cucumber, Green Bitter Gourd, Carrot, Baby Carrot, Sweet Potato, Passion Fruit, Cape Gooseberry, Lemon, Avocado, Organic Pak Choi, Cymbidium, Calla Lily, Gladiolus, Bromeliad, White tea, Assam Tea, Assam Black Tea, Green tea, Kidney bean, Italian Parsley, Hemp and Mushroom.

### **How to travel**

The center is 68 km. from Chiang Mai city. Take highway 118 (Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai). When arriving km. 68, turn left at the intersection. Continue straight for 3 km.

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