

Huay Saew Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1978, His Majesty the Late King paid a visit to the villagers at Baan Pong Sub-district, Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai Province. The area was also under Thai – China Development Project initiated by the collaboration between the Royal Project and Taiwan which included the development on Thung Rao, Thung Roeng, Huay Pak Pak Phai and Huay Saew Projects.

Later in 1982, the Huay Saew Royal Project Development Center was officially set up in order to develop the communities in 8 villages in Baan Pong Sub-district, Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai, to support career development creating income and better livelihood among local farmers, to make communities self-sufficient and to conserve the environment for its sustainable use.

General information

Geography

The area is plains at the foot of the hills at 500-800 meters above sea level and covers 30,216 Rai (11,946 acres).

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 29 °C. (84.2 °F).

Population

More than 3,450 Hmong and lowland people live in 8 villages.

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At present, the center has objectives to develop and support vegetable, fruit as well as field crop cultivation under the Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Organic Thailand Standard and animal farming in order to generate sustainable income and better livelihood of the local farmers. The center also supports community engagement in strengthening

each individual as well as the community, young farmer development and Cooperative Saving Group. Natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil as well as water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and contamination monitoring campaign are also supported by the center. The center itself has been a highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and others who are interested, as well.

Main produces of the center

Pak Choi, Kailaan, Chayote Shoot, Chayote, Baby Pak Choi, Red Leaf Lettuce, Eggplant Purple Round, Snap Bean, Chinese Chives, Green Bitter Gourd, White Bitter, Passion Fruit, Avocado, Black Sesame Seeds, Navy bean, Rice, Black - Boned Chicken, Black Sesame Oil and Avocado Oil.

How to travel

The distance between Chiang Mai city and the center is approximately 27 km. and the trip lasts 30 minutes. Just take the highway 1269 (Chiang Mai - Hang Dong - Sa Moeng) for 27 km. and the center will be found.

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