

Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1978, Hmong people migrated from Baan BorLek, Jomthong District, Chiang Mai to Baan Huay Luek because of the infertile arable land in that area. Subsequently, they submitted to His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej a petition for the grants of land.



In 1979, the Royal Project in collaboration with the Royal Forest Department granted degraded forest land to the Huay Luek Village hill tribes which generally aimed at sustainable management and forest conservation. After that, more Hmong people from Pa Kea Village, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province and Mae Hong Sorn Province moved to Huay Luek.

In 1980, Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center was established to promote good agricultural practices to hill tribe people.

General Information

Geography

Huay Luek is plateau - like areas alternating with high mountains at 500 - 900 meters above sea level and covering more than 9,946 Rai (approximately 4,000 acres) of land.

Climate

Its average temperature is 24°C (75.2°F).

Population

There are more than 2,600 people comprising various kinds of hill tribes such as Karen, Hmong and Lahu as well as lowland people residing in three villages.

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At present, Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center has developed and passed on agricultural technologies to hill tribe farmers. Field demonstration plots have been set up for the purpose of practical training on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), GLOBAL G.A.P, Thailand Organic Standard and Thai Airways Standard to create farmers'

sustainable income. Additional activities on educational, social, environmental and public health development have been encouraged with community participation to improve local people's quality of life. The center also promotes and supports many projects and campaigns including reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass cultivation, chemical use reduction and the awareness on environmental pollution. Furthermore, Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center has been promoted to be a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Iceberg lettuce, Chinese Cabbage, Japanese Cucumber, Eggplant Purple Round, Eggplant Purple Long, Cherry Tomato, Yard Long Bean, Red Coral Lettuce, Green Oak Leaf, Red Oak Leaf, Mango, Avocado, Cape Gooseberry, Passion Fruit, Grape, Mulberry, Strawberry, Chrysanthemum, Cockscomb and Black - Bone Chicken.

How to travel

It will take about 1.5 hr. to travel from Chiang Mai City to the center. The Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center is 95 km. away from Chiang Mai City. You can take Chiang Mai - Fang Highway number 107 to the center. When arriving km. 95, take a slight right for another 500 meters, and then you will find Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center on your right side.

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