

Khun Pae Royal Project Development Center

Background

With the intention of His Majesty the Late King to make his people's life better, Khun Pae Royal Project Development Center started its work in 1984 by supporting temperate crop cultivation as replacement to shifting cultivation in order to improve the quality of life of the people in the community and to conserve as well as restore the environment.



General information

Geography

The area is mountainous terrain with plains between valleys at 800 – 1,200 meter above sea level, which covers 35,132 Rai or 13,890 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 24 °C or 75.2 °F.

Population

There are 3,220 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Hmong residing in 4 villages and 13 communities.

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Khun Pae Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots and provided supports for the local farmers in crop cultivation like vegetables, fruits and coffee based on Food Safety Standard such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to increase the farmers' income and improve their livelihood. The center also promotes and supports the community engagement by organizing activities and development related to education society, environment and public health. The reforestation project called “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, Vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction campaign, and contamination

monitoring campaign are also supported by the center. The center itself has been a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the center

Lettuce Ice Berg, Cos, Baby Cos Lettuce, Broccoli, Cherry Tomato, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Chervil, Celeriac, Dill Anethum Graveolens, Angelica, Tarragon, Thyme, Rosemary , Borage, Passion Fruit, Avocado, Persimmon, Plum, Mango, Azuki Bean, Hydrangea, Bird Of Paradise and Coffee.

How to travel

The center is approximately 22 km. from Chiang Mai city. Firstly, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hod). When arriving km. 82 – 83 (at Baan Pae – Wat Tong junction), take a right turn and go straight on (passing Baan Pae, Baan Thung Pattana, Baan Bon Na and Baan Khun Pae). However, sedan should not be used in this trip because of the road condition which is asphalt and dirt. In the rainy season, 4WD vehicle or taxi in front of Baan Pae Temple are recommended.

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