

Mae Hae Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1978, His Majesty the Late King visited the villagers living in the area near Bann Mae Hae which was Baan Huay Kao Leep, Sun Pa Tong District in Chiang Mai, His Majesty the Late King initiated the help and supports for career development for the villagers in Baan Mae Hae and nearby villages in



order to improve their livelihood with temperate crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy cultivation as well as a solution to shifting cultivation, basic infrastructure development, self-sufficiency and environmental restoration & conservation.

General information

Geography

The area is mountainous terrain with plains between valleys at 990 – 1,400 meters above sea level and covers 27,607 Rai or 10,914 acres.

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 24 °C or 75.2 °F.

Population

There are 6 villages and 8 communities comprising of more than 4,390 Hmong, Pgakûuyau or Karen and Haw.

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Mae Hae Royal Project Development Center these days provides development and supports for local farmers in growing vegetables under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and McDonald G.A.P., fruits and coffee in order to create sustainable income and improve their livelihood. Furthermore, community engagement in natural resource and

environmental conservation, reforestation project called “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil erosion reduction by Vetiver grass growing, life quality development, community as well as individual strength, Drug-Free Village Project, hygienic and environmental development in the hill tribe community, Agricultural Cooperative establishment and Saving Group activity are promoted and supported. The center itself has also been a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and people who are interested.

Main produces of the center

Head Lettuce, Chinese Cabbage Pe-tsai, Cabbage, Red Cabbage, Beetroot, Cos, Zucchini, Parsley, False Pak Choi, Bunching Onion, Celery, Green Oak Leaf, Red Oak Leaf, Red Coral Lettuce, Frillice iceberg, Lettuce Ice Berg, Persimmon, Japanese plum, Chinese pear, Japanese Apricot, Strawberry, Passion Fruit, Avocado, Cape Gooseberry and Grape.

How to travel

The distance between Chiang Mai city and the center is 101 km. The trip lasts approximately 2 hr. First, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hod). When arriving San Pa Tong District, take a right turn at Baan Kad intersection into highway 1013 (San Pa Tong – Mae Wang). Drive for 27 km. to pass Thung Luang Royal Project Development Center. After driving for 12 km., the Mae Hae Royal Project Development Center will be found.

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