

Mae Sariang Royal Project Development Center

Background

Previously, Mae Sariang Royal project Development Center was the area under the responsibility of Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center. Mae Sariang Royal project Development Center was officially set up as in 1993 at Baan Pai Moo 11, Pha Pae Sub-district, Mae Sariang District, Mae



Hong Sorn because the responsible area of Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center was too big as well as remote and covered two districts: Mae La Noi District and Mae Sariang District. The objective of the center when being set up was to develop and to support income distribution, better quality of life, being self-sufficient under self-sufficiency economy and sustainable living with the environment.

General information

Geography

The area is complex mountainous terrain with a few plains between steep valleys. It is at 733 – 1,071 meters above sea level and covers 50,581 Rai or 19,998 acres.

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 22 °C or 71.6 °F.

Population

There are 5 villages and 12 communities comprising of more than 2,870 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Lua.

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At present, Mae Sariang Royal Project Development Center aims to develop and to support local farmers to cultivate vegetables as well as fruits under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), field crops and coffee. The deep pit swine demonstration farm has also been set up for breeding and soil quality improvement with the pig's manure. Moreover, the center has aims to generate farmers' sustainable income and improve their livelihood. The supports are provided for the strength of the local people and their community, young farmer development, Cooperative Saving Group, Clean Village Project, local wisdom preservation such as Lua weaving skill, natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil & water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, campaign to reduce chemical use, and campaign to monitor environmental contamination. The center itself has been promoted as a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the center

Baby Cos, Kaillan, Celery, Baby Pak Chai, Green Oak Leaf, Red Coral Lettuce, Cos, Chinese Cabbage Pe-tsai, Frillice Iceberg, Spinach, Green Capsicum, Japanese Pumpkin, Pointed Cabbage, Cape Gooseberry, Passion Fruit, Avocado, Mulberry, Mango, Rice, Red Kidney Bean and Coffee.

How to travel

From Chiang Mai city, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Mae Hong Sorn) and head to Mae Sariang District. When arriving Bang Kong Loi Police Booth, turn right to highway 1270 and continue driving for 34 km. Any vehicle can be used on this route.

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