

## Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center

### Background

Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center started its work in 1980 when His Majesty King Rama IX visited the villagers in Baan Mai Samak-kee and accepted the village to be under the Royal Project Foundation responsibility. In the collaboration with Chiang Mai Provincial Forest Office and the Land Development Department, Nong Khiew Royal



Project Development Center was set up and the land used for temperate crop cultivation was developed and allocated to local farmers as replacement to opium poppy cultivation.

### General information

#### Geography

The area is undulating and rolling terrain which covers 22,049 Rai or 8,717 acres with its medium elevation at 750 meters above sea level.

#### Climate

The average temperature is 28 °C or 82.4 °F.

#### Population

More than 4,800 Kachin, Akha, Lahu and Lawa people live in 2 villages.

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Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center these days has set up field demonstration plots in order to find suitable crop varieties for local area and support local farmers to cultivate varied crops under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and to create farmers' sustainable income as well as their better livelihood. Furthermore, the center supports the community engagement for each individual's and community's strength, natural resource as well as environmental restoration & conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign,

and environmental contamination monitoring campaign. The center itself also becomes a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

### **Main produces of the center**

avocado, mango, Japanese pumpkin, kale, eggplant purple, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, Snow Pea, Cherry Tomato, Black - Boned chicken, Upland rice, Bean Nuts, Azuki Bean, Black Sesame, Black Soybean, Cowpea, Sesame, Gloriosa and Chrysanthemum

### **How to travel**

The center is 122 km. from Chiang Mai city. Firstly, take highway 107 (Chiang Mai – Fang). At Chiang Dao District, at km. 79, take a left turn into highway 1178 (Muang Ngai- Arunothai) at Muang Ngai intersection. Next, when arriving km. 32, turn right at Baan Num Rin Check Point. After driving for 5 km., the center entrance can be seen. The center will be a km. from its entrance. Any vehicle can be used in this trip. Also, this route can be used for travelling to Angkhang which is 45 km. away from the center.

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