

Pa Miang Royal Project Development Center

Background

When His Majesty the Late King visited the villagers in the area in 1978, he learned about the sufferings of the villagers who were tea farmers since the price of tea leaves were really low. Thus, His Majesty the Late King gave his personal money to set up the demonstration and support center for Shiitake Mushroom and Arabica coffee cultivation. Later, the center has expanded its work to flower and fruit cultivation to promote career development, to improve locals' life quality making them self-sufficient as well as to restore and conserve the environment.



General information

Geography

It is complex steep mountainous terrain with hill evergreen forest at 650 – 1,500 meters above sea level covering 75,506 Rai (29,852 acres).

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 23 °C (73.4 °F).

Population

There are more than 2,500 Pgakúuyau or Karen and lowland people residing in 10 villages.

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Pa Miang Royal Project Development Center these days aims to develop and support farmers to cultivate vegetables, fruits and coffee to meet Food Safety Standards like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), temperate mushrooms and Arabica coffee flower honey, which will generate sustainable income, improve local farmers' livelihood as well as enhance life quality and individual and community strength. Moreover, with the supports from the Applied Scientific Research Corporation of Thailand, mushroom greenhouse was built to increase the effectiveness

of temperate mushroom cultivation. The center itself has become the mushroom cultivation learning center for local farmers and the highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and general people.

Main produces of the center

Arabica Coffee, Mushroom, Lingzhi Mushroom, White Jelly Mushroom, Oyster Mushroom, Cymbidium, Persimmon, Avocado, Passion Fruit, Grape, Black - Boned chicken, Chicken - Bresses and Rabbit.

How to travel

Take highway 118 (Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai). After passing Doi Saked intersection, go straight to Baan Pang Fan. Then, turn right to Jae Hom Lampang road. Next, continue driving for 10 km., the center entrance is on the right side. Although the road is quite steep, any car can be used in the trip. However, there is no public transportation available.

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