

Pha Tang Royal Project Development Center

Background

Previously, Pha Tang Royal Project Development center was the unit under Huay Lang Development Center. It started supporting career development in the area in October, 2004 by testing and promoting temperate crop cultivation. In 2006, the temperate crop and fruit cultivation was promoted. In 2007, the Pha Tang Royal



Project Development center was officially set up by the Royal Project Foundation in order to work effectively, promote career opportunities, enable local people to be self-sufficient by improving their life quality and conserve the environment.

General information

Geography

The area is located on Doi Pha Mon which is the mountainous Thai – Laos border at 700 – 1,800 meters above sea level and covers more than 25,083 Rai or 9,917 acres.

Climate

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

Population

There are more than 2,930 hill tribe people comprising Hmong, Haw and Mien residing in three villages and one community.

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At present, field demonstration plots have been set up in the center to obtain the suitable crop varieties for local climate and environment. The center also supports local farmers to practice agriculture based on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). Vegetable, fruit, flower, coffee and field crop cultivation as well as animal farming are promoted in order to create sustainable income and improve the farmers' livelihood. Furthermore, the center supports the community engagement in natural resource and environmental conservation,

reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, life quality development, individual’s and community’s strength, Drugs-free Village Project, hygiene and environment development among hill tribes, hill tribe handicrafts preservation and Agricultural Credit *Cooperative* Group as well as Saving Group establishment. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the center

Firillice Iceberg, Red Oak Leaf Lettuce, Lettuce Butterhead, Baby Cos, Baby Pak Choi, Spinach, Chinese Cabbage Pe-tsai, Cabbage, Celery, Cos, Broccoli, Avocado, Peach, Plum, Persimmon, Grape Black Seedless, Strawberry, Cape Gooseberry and Arabica coffee.

How to travel

From Chiang Rai, take highways 1233, 1173 and 1153 (Chiang Rai – Wieng Chai – Phaya Meng Rai – Baan Ta) for 50 km. Next, Take highway 1020 (Baan Ta – Baan Tha Jareoun) for 45 km. After that, continue driving on highway 1155 (Baan Tha Jareoun – Wieng Kaen – Pang Hud) for 17 km. Finally, take Pang Hud - Doi Pha Tang highway for 15 km. The center is located on the right hand side 1 km. before Doi Pha Tang.

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