

## Phra Bat Huay Tom Royal Project Development Center

### Background

In 1978, His Majesty the Late King paid a visit to the villagers at Baan Phra Bat Huay Tom and learned that the villagers migrating from Mae La Mard District and Tha Song Yang District, Tak Province lacked of land ownership and suffered from malnutrition (especially among young children). During the visit, His Majesty the Late King said “The migration of Pgakúuyau or Karen to this area is good for the forest as well as the water and this can indirectly reduce the opium poppy cultivation.” Therefore, His Majesty the Late King accepted Phra Bat Huay Tom Village to be under the Royal Project Foundation responsibility in order to improve the villagers’ livelihood, make them self-sufficient, support temperate crop cultivation and restore as well as conserve the environment.



### General Information

#### Geography

Most of the area is plains at the foot of the hills at 400 – 700 meters above sea level and covers 24,163 Rai or 9,553 acres.

#### Climate

The average temperature is 25 °C or 77 °F.

#### Population

More than 12,150 Pgakúuyau and lowland people resides in 11 villages.

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Nowadays, Phra Bat Huay Tom Royal Project Development Center has set up its field demonstration plots and supported local farmers to practice agriculture based on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and cultivate fruits, field crops and do animal farming with the aims of sustainable income and better livelihood. Furthermore, the center

supports the community engagement for natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, environmental contamination monitoring campaign, each individual’s and community’s strength, Clean Village Project, Drugs-free Village Project, Young Farmer Training and Pgakúuyau handicraft preservation. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and general people who are interested.

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

Kailaan, Chinese Mustard, Cherry Tomato, Japanese Cucumber, Bitter Gourd Green, Bitter Gourd White, Japanese Pumpkin, Dill, Organic Kailaan, Baby Pak Choi, Nuan Kham and R2E2 Mango, Passion Fruit, Cape Gooseberry and Black Sesame.

### **How to travel**

**1<sup>st</sup> Route:** The center is 160 km. from Chiang Mai city. Firstly, take highway 106 (Chiang Mai – Lam Phun). After passing Baan Hong, Pha Sang and arriving Lee District, take a right turn to highway 1087. Continue driving until km. 7, turn right and keep going for another km.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Route:** From Chiang Mai city, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hod) and head to Lee District after passing Doi Tao.

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