

## Sa Ngo Royal Project Development Center

### Background

In 1978, when King Rama IX visited the villagers at Doi Sa Ngo, His Majesty the King asked for collaboration from other organizations in helping people there. A year later, with the collaboration between the Royal Project Foundation and Mae Jo University, Sa Ngo Royal Project Development Center was officially set up in the form of voluntary hill tribe development.



### General information

#### Geography

There are mountains and plains in the area covering 23,750 Rai or 9,387 acres at 300 -700 meters above sea level.

#### Climate

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

#### Population

There are more than 3,180 Akha, Tai Lue and lowland people residing in 4 villages and 1 community.

### Sa Ngo Royal Project Development Center

Sa Ngo Royal Project Development Center these days aims to support crop cultivation based on Food Safety Standard such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) among local farmers. It also promotes herb plantation for dried herbal products in order to create sustainable income and improve local farmers' lives. Moreover, the supports are provided for strength and self-sufficiency of local community; reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits"; and

soil recovery with organic fertilizer, green manure, Bio-fertilizer. The center itself is the learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and people who are interested.

### **Main produces of the Center**

Eggplant Purple Long, Eggplant Purple Round, Chinese mustard, Cherry Tomato, Sweet Corn, Japanese Sweet Potato, Japanese Pumpkin, Celery, Zucchini, Passion Fruit, Mango, Cape Gooseberry, Avocado, Dracaena, Chrysanthemum, Chamomile and Stevia.

### **How to travel**

The center is 285 km from Chiang Mai city and the trip is approximately 5 hr. Take highway 118 (Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai). When arriving Chiang San District, take a left turn to highway 1290. At km.18, turn left and continue straight for 3 km. However, the distance from Chiang Rai city is around 54 km. with around 1 hr. drive.

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