

## Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center

### Background

In 1981, His Majesty the Late King gave his personal money for the construction of Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center to support and demonstrate Shitake mushroom and Arabica coffee cultivation as another source of local people's income apart from tea cultivation. Later, other temperate crops have also been promoted to farmers in the area.



On March, 5<sup>th</sup> 1981, His Majesty the Late King, Her Majesty the Queen and King Rama X visited villagers in Baan Mae Kam Pong and the office of Teen Tok Royal Project.

### General Information

#### Geography

Most of the land is abundant hill evergreen forest and mixed deciduous forest with some plains at 750 – 1,300 meters above sea level covering 21,656 Rai or 8559 acres.

#### Climate

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

#### Population

More than 1,200 lowland people resides in 5 villages.

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At present, the suitable crops for the local climate and environment are tested in demonstration plots in Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center. When the most suitable ones are found, they will be promoted to local farmer. Vegetable, fruit, coffee and mushroom cultivation is supported under the Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to increase the farmers' sustainable income and improve their livelihood. Furthermore, the center organizes and develops education, society and public health related activities to support the community engagement, strengthen the communities and improve people's lives. The environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits",

Vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction, and environmental contamination monitoring are supported by the center. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

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

Kailaan, Baby Pak Choi, Chinese Cabbage, Sweet Basil, Passion Fruit, Fig, Grape, Avocado, Nuan-Kham Mango, Mulberry, Cymbidium, Gloxenia, Lady's Slipper, Mushroom, Assam Tea and Arabica coffee.

### **Coffee under the trees creates income and conserve the nature.**

The main produce of the Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center is Arabica coffee cultivated under soil and water conservation system. To prevent coffee rust, decrease diseases and pests and conserve the forests, farmers grows coffees and other crops together under the shades of trees or in the abundant forest. The center is also the learning center for Arabica coffee cultivation starting from growing and caring until harvesting high quality parchment coffee turned into royal project products.

### **How to travel**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Route:** It is 43 km. from Chiang Mai city. Take the curvy highway 118 passing Doi Saked District. When arriving km.27, take a right turn passing Baan Pong Kum, Mae Tao Din. Then, turn left at Huay Kaew intersection and drive along the road until you find the center.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Route:** The trip is 55 km. from Chiang Mai city. Take Don Jun – Mae On road passing San Kamphaeng Hot Spring. Then, turn right at Huay Kaew intersection and drive along the road until you find the center.

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