

Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center

Background

In the interest of career development, self-sufficient community with good quality of life and environmental restoration as well as conservation, Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center started its work in 1977 in the collaboration with the Land Development Department and the Royal Irrigation Department by allocating the land to local farmers for temperate crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy as well as shifting cultivation and improving basic infrastructure in the community.



General information

Geography

The area is mostly plain and steep mountainous terrain at 800 – 1,400 meters above sea level and covers 8,238 Rai or 3,257 acres.

Climate

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

Population

More than 1,920 Hmong and lowland people living in 2 villages.

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At present, Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots and supported farmers in crop cultivation based on Food Safety Standard which is Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to generate sustainable income and improve life quality of local farmers. Furthermore, the center organizes and develops education, society and public health related activities to support the community engagement, strengthen the community and

improve people's lives. The environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation with Vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign are also 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

Capsicum, Table Tomato, Tomato Cherry On Vine, Japanese Cucumber, Kailaan, Chayote, Avocado, Strawberry, Cape Gooseberry, Mulberry, Passion Fruit and Fairy Rose.

How to travel

Take highway 107 (Chiang Mai - Mae Rim - Sa Moeng). After passing Mae Rim District Office, turn left at Mae Rim - Sa Moeng intersection. Continue driving for 26 km., the center sign can be seen on the left hand side at the intersection. Follow the sign and drive for 2 km. and you will find the center. However, due to the road condition, pick-up truck is recommended for the trip.

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