

Thung Roeng Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1976, His Majesty the Late King went to Sa Moeng forest area (Baan Pa Lao). While he was there, villagers of Mae Kha-nin submitted a petition for the supports and development for land use in Thung E-roeng forest area which nowadays becomes Thung Roeng Royal Project Development Center.



With the collaboration between The Royal Project, The Land Development Department and The Royal Irrigation Department, the land utilization plan for Thung Roeng Royal Project and irrigation plan for agriculture and consumption was set up in 1997.

Later in 1982, His Majesty the Late King paid a visit to villagers at Mae Kha-nin located in Thung E-roeng forest area which is under the responsibility of The Land Development Department which promoted field crop cultivation such as corn, upland rice and soy bean in the area.

In 1982, The Royal Project Foundation in Thung Roeng became Thung Roeng Royal Project Development Center which aims to support career development and natural resource conservation.

General information

Geography

Most of the area is plains between mountains at 650 meters above sea level and covers 13,277 Rai (5,249 acres).

Climate

The average temperature is 22 °C (71.6 °F).

Population

There are 1,530 Hmong and lowland people in 4 villages.

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In the interest of sustainable income and better life quality of local farmers, Thung Roeng Royal Development Center these days has set up field demonstration plots and provided supports for vegetable and fruit cultivation based on Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Thailand Organic Standard of the Department of Agriculture. Furthermore, the education, society and public health related activities supporting the community engagement, improving local people's lives and strengthening the communities are organized and developed by the center. 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 also supported by the center. The center itself is a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested, as well.

Main produces of the center

Chinese Mustard, Baby Pak Choi, Pak Choi, Chinese Kale, Chayote Shoot, Chayote, Long Cucumber, French Bean, Yard Long Bean, Kailaan, Cherry Tomato, Avocado, Passion Fruit, Black - Boned Chicken, Bresse Chicken, Shampoo, Conditioner, Ice Cream, Avocado Soap and Herbal Drink.

How to travel

The center is 40 km. away from Chiang Mai city and the trip lasts an hour. Firstly, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hod). Take a right turn to highway 1269 (heading to Sa Meong) after passing Hang Dong District (at km.10). Continue driving for 18 km., the center will be on your right hand side (take the same entrance as Jakawan Baandin Resort).

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