

Huay Luek Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1978, Hmong people migrated from Baan BorLek, Jomthong District, Chiang Mai to Baan Huay Luek because of infertile arable land. Subsequently, they submitted to His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej a petition for the grants of land.



In 1979, the Royal Project in collaboration with the Royal Forest Department granted degraded forest lands to the Huay Luek Village hill tribes which generally aimed at sustainable management and conservation of forests. After that, more Hmong people from Pa Kea Village, Chiang Dao District, Chiang Mai Province and Mae Hong Sorn Province moved to Huay Luek.

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General Information

Geography

Huay Luek is plateau-like areas alternating with high mountains at 500 – 900 meters above sea level covering more than 9,946 Rai (approximately 4,000 acre) of land.

Climate

Its average temperature is 24 °C (75.2 °F).

Population

There are more than 2,600 people comprising various kinds of hill tribes such as Karen, Hmong and Lahu as well as lowland people residing in three villages.

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At present, Huay Luek Royal Project Development Centre has developed and passed on agricultural technologies to hill tribe farmers. Field demonstration plots have been established for the purpose of practical training on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), GLOBAL G.A.P, Organic Thailand Standard and Thai Airways Standard to creating farmers' sustainable income. Additional activities on educational, social, environmental and public health development have been encouraged with community participation to improve the quality of life of the people. The centre also promotes and supports many projects and campaigns including reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction and the awareness on environmental pollution.

Furthermore, Huay Luek Royal Project Development Centre has been promoted to be a learning centre on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Organic produce, Chinese chives, Chinese cabbage, iceberg lettuce, pumpkin, cherry tomato, avocado, mango, passion fruit, grape, papaya, cape gooseberry, cockscomb, Chrysanthemum, potted plants, upland rice and red bean.

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