

Huay Saew Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1978, His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej paid a visit to Baan Pong Sub-district, Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai Province. The area was under Thai – China Development Collaboration Project between the Royal Project and Taiwan which included the development of another four areas: Thung Rao, Thung Roeng, Huay Pak Phai and Huay Saew.



Later in 1982, the Huay Saew Royal Project Development Center was officially set up in order to strengthen community development in 8 villages of Baan Pong Sub-district, Hang Dong District, Chiang Mai, aiming at farmers' income generation and livelihood improvement as well as self-sustaining community development and environmental sustainability.

General information

Geography

The area is a plain at 500-800 meters above sea level covering 30,216 rai or 11,946 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 29 °C. or 84.2 °F.

Population

More than 3,450 Hmong and lowland people live in 8 villages.

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The center aims at developing and promoting vegetable, fruit and field crop cultivation under the Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Organic Standard as well as animal farming in order to generate sustainable income and improve better livelihood of the farmers. Moreover, the center has provided support on strengths-based individual and community engagement, young farmer development and Cooperative Saving Group as well as natural resources and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil and water conservation by vetiver grass cultivation, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign. The center itself has become a highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Chayote shoot, chayote, Chinese chives, French bean, sweet corn bi-color, Chinese mustard, kailaan, red leaf lettuce, eggplant purple round, bitter gourd green, avocado, passion fruit, black sesame and black-boned chicken

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