

Inthanon Royal Agricultural Station

Background

Inthanon Royal Agricultural Station, Baan Khun Glang, Baan Luang Sub-district, Jom Thong District, Chiang Mai, is one of the four Royal agricultural Stations established in 1979. At present, the station is conducting researches on flowers, foliage trees, vegetables, fruit trees and highland fishery. Based on research findings, the center has passed on



technologies and knowledges to Pgakûuyau and Hmong farmers around the center in order to generate their income. The station has also supported the communities in basic infrastructure and social development as well as forest and water conservation.

Geography

The area, located in Doi Inthanon National Park, is complex mountainous terrain at 600 – 1,400 meters above sea level covering 277,872 rai or 109,861 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 22 °C or 71.6 °F.

Population

More than 7,640 Hmong and Pgakûuyau live in 11 villages and 37 communities.

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The main mission of Inthanon Royal Agricultural Station is to conduct research on flowers and foliage trees, develop and promote temperate crop cultivation to the hill tribe people in Doi Inthanon area. The station tasks also include economic, social, and environmental development, promotion on agricultural production under Food Safety Standard: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), GLOBAL G.A.P., Organic Standard Thailand and IFOAM Standard, sustainable income generation and quality of life improvement for local people. Natural resource and environmental restoration and conservation activities have been encouraged with local people participation. Furthermore, hill tribe handicrafts conservation and saving group are promoted by the station. The station has become a highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the Center

Celery, table tomato, fennel, baby pak choi, Chinese mustard, zucchini, capsicum, peach, persimmon, strawberry, cape gooseberry, mulberry, raspberry, fig, grape, avocado, kiwi, arabica coffee, rose, gerbera, snapdragon and ornithogalum

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