

## Kae Noi Royal Project Development Center

### Background

In 1980, His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej paid a visit to Lahu people at Baan Kae Noi and learned about their problems. His Majesty then assigned the Royal Project to help the communities with His personnel money to get started. The Royal Project began working on introducing temperate crops to farmers for opium poppy replacement, decreasing shifting cultivation and developing community basic infrastructure as well as restoring and conserving the environment.



### General information

#### Geography

The area is a basin like surrounded by valleys at 950 – 1,000 meters above sea level covering 57,210 rai or 22,619 acres.

#### Climate

The average temperature is 21 °C (69.8 °F).

#### Population

There are more than 6,420 Lahu and Yunan people living in 13 villages.

#### Kae Noi Royal Project Development Center

At present, Kae Noi Royal Project Development Center has promoted career development to hill tribe farmers by setting up field demonstration plots for many varieties of crops: vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, field crops and Arabica coffee based on soil & water conservation, Food Safety Standard (Good Agricultural Practices) and Organic Standard in order to generate sustainable income and improve their quality of life. The center has also been working on strengths-based community engagement, education, society, environment and public health with local people participation. Moreover, various projects and campaigns including reforestation project called “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil and water conservation by vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction and environmental pollution awareness are organized by the center. Today the center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

### **Main produces of the center**

Cabbage, Chinese cabbage pe-tsai , head lettuce, cos, Japanese pumpkin, cherry tomato, avocado, mango, cape gooseberry, highland rice, navy bean, azuki bean, black bush bean, buckwheat, quinoa, hydrangea and bird of paradise

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