

Mae Sariang Royal Project Development Center

Background

Previously, Mae Sariang Royal project Development Center was the area under the responsibility of Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center. Mae Sariang Royal project Development Center was officially set up in 1993 at Baan Pai Moo 11, Pha Pae Sub-district, Mae Sariang District, Mae Hong Sorn Province due to the responsible area of Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center was too big covering two remote districts: Mae La Noi District and Mae Sariang District. The objective of Mae Sariang Royal project Development Center was to develop and to support income distribution and better quality of life of local people under His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great's Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy with sound environment.



General information

Geography

The area is complex mountainous terrain with a few plains between steep valleys. It is at 733 – 1,071 meters above sea level covering 50,581 rai or 19,998 acres.

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 22 °C or 71.6 °F.

Population

There are 5 villages and 12 communities comprising of more than 2,870 Pgakúuyau or Karen and Lua.

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At present, Mae Sariang Royal Project Development Center has supported local farmers to produce crop production including vegetables, fruits, field crops and coffee under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). The deep pit swine demonstration farm has also been set up for breeding and soil quality improvement with pig's manure. Moreover, the center has focused to generate farmers' sustainable income and improve their livelihood. The supports are also provided for individual and community strengths, young farmer development, Cooperative Saving Group, Clean Village Project and local wisdom preservation such as Lua weaving skill as well as natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil & water conservation by vetiver grass growing, campaigns to reduce chemical use and monitor environmental contamination. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Kaillan, baby cos, baby pak choi, red oak leaf lettuce, green oak leaf lettuce, red coral lettuce, butter head lettuce, green capsicum, cos, frillice iceberg lettuce, Chinese cabbage pe-tsai, celery, Japanese pumpkin, orange Japanese pumpkin, red kidney bean, black lowland rice, black upland rice, avocado, cape gooseberry, passion fruit, mulberry and Arabica coffee

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