

Mok Cham Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1969, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great visited the Lahu people at Wang Din Village, 6 km. away from Thai – Myanmar border. During the visit, His Majesty realized the people poverty and border security problem. Aiming at career development, quality of life improvement and self-sufficient community



development as well as environmental restoration and conservation, Mok Cham Royal Project Development Center, therefore, officially established in 1983 by promoting temperate crops to stop shifting practices.

General information

Geography

The area is river plains on Kok river banks and surrounded by complex mountains at 480 meters above sea level covering 29,704 rai or 11,744 acres.

Climate

The area average temperature is 25 °C or 77 °F.

Population

There are 9 hill tribes: Tai, Tai Lue, Tai Sam, Lahu, Akha, Pgakúuyau, Haw, Lisu and Yao as well as lowland people of totally more than 2,670 living in 9 villages.

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Mok Cham Royal Project Development Center these days aims to develop and support the local farmers to cultivate vegetables, fruits and mushrooms under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). The supports are also provided for local wisdom preservation such as weaving and Akha embroidery. The objectives of the center include sustainable income generating, farmers' livelihood improvement, and engagement in individual and community strengths. The center has promoted and supported many projects and activities including young farmer development, Cooperative Saving Group, natural resource and environmental conservation, the reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil & water conservation by vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and contamination monitoring campaign. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Eggplant purple round, eggplant purple long, Japanese pumpkin, white Japanese pumpkin, orange Japanese pumpkin, mini pumpkin, Japanese sweet potato, local pumpkin, baby pak – Choi, frillice iceberg lettuce, mango, passion fruit, avocado, red kidney bean and traditional rice variety called E-To.

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