

Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center

Background

Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center was established in 1980 when His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great paid a visit to Baan Mai Samak-kee and graciously accepted this village to be under the Royal Project Foundation responsibility. With the collaboration of Chiang Mai Provincial Forest Office and Land Development Department, Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center pursued its work by developing land used for temperate crops and allocating to local farmers to replace opium poppy.



General information

Geography

The area is undulating and rolling terrain covering 22,049 rai or 8,717 acres with its medium elevation at 750 meters above sea level.

Climate

The average temperature is 28 °C or 82.4 °F.

Population

More than 4,800 Kachin, Akha, Lahu and Lawa people live in 2 villages.

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At present, Nong Khiew Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots in order to find suitable crop varieties for local area and supported the farmers to produce varieties of crops under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) to generate their sustainable income and better livelihood. Furthermore, the center supports individual and community strengths, natural resource and environmental restoration and conservation, reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, soil and water conservation by vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others interested people.

Main produces of the center

Vegetables: kale, eggplant purple, sugar snap pea, Japanese pumpkin, white Japanese pumpkin, Japanese sweet potato, Chinese cabbage pe-tsai

Fruits: mango, avocado, cape, gooseberry

Flowers: gloriosa, amaryllil, geranium, potted plants, earth star

Field crops: azuki bean, cowpea, navy bean, sesame

Livestock: black-boned chicken, black pig

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