

## Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center

### Background

In 1979, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great paid a visit to the hill tribes at Pang Ung Village and graciously gave recommendations on irrigation system and crop cultivation to replace opium poppy growing as well as permanent crop and infrastructure development. Subsequently, with the collaboration of Chiang Mai Agricultural Extension Office, Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center was established to promote temperate crop cultivation mainly fruits at the beginning. Later, field crop and vegetable promotion as well as natural resource conservation have been included. Other activities related to economy, society, and culture have also been supported by the center.



### General information

#### Geography

The area is plains between valleys at 800 – 1,200 meters above sea level covering 45,490 rai or 17,985 acres.

#### Climate

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

#### Population

More than 7,260 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Hmong live in 9 villages and 17 communities.

#### Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center

At present, Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots to promote local farmers to grow varieties of crops under Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to increase their income and improve their livelihood. The center also supports life quality development by promoting individual and community strengths. Natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as “Three Forests, Four Benefits”, vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction, and contamination monitoring are also supported with the participation of people. The center has become a highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and others interested people.

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

Grape, avocado, passion fruit, capsicum, potato, beetroot, cherry tomato, azuki bean, upland rice, navy bean, red kidney bean, black sticky rice, Karen chili and hemp

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