

Pha Tang Royal Project Development Center

Background

Previously, Pha Tang Royal Project Development Center was a unit under Huay Lang Development Center beginning its work in October 2004 by conducting field trials on temperate crops. In 2006, a few temperate crops and fruits were promoted to the farmers. In 2007, Pha Tang Royal Project Development Center was officially set up by the Royal Project Foundation to continue its work



effectively to promote career opportunities, enable local people to become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life as well as to conserve natural resources and environment.

General information

Geography

The area is located on Doi Pha Mon which is the mountainous Thai – Laos border at 700 – 1,800 meters above sea level covering more than 25,083 rai or 9,917 acres.

Climate

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

Population

There are more than 2,930 hill tribe people comprising Hmong, Yunnan and Mien living in three villages and one community.

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At present, field demonstration plots have been set up in the center to find out suitable crop varieties for local climate and environment. The center also supports local farmers to produce agricultural products under Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). Vegetables, fruits, flowers, coffee and field crops production as well as animal farming are promoted in order to generate sustainable income and improve the farmers' livelihood. Furthermore, the center has encouraged the community engagement in natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by vetiver grass growing, quality of life improvement and individual and community strengths as well as Drugs-free Village Project, hygiene and environment development, hill tribe handicrafts preservation and Agricultural Credit *Cooperative* Group and

Saving Group establishment. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the center

Mixed salad, peach, Fuyu persimmon, avocado, grape and Arabica coffee

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