

Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center

Background

In 1981, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great gave his personal money for the construction of Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center to support and demonstrate Shitake mushroom and arabica coffee cultivation as alternative source of farmers' income apart from tea cultivation. Later, other varieties of temperate crops have also been promoted to the farmers.



His Majesty King Rama IX accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother and King Rama X visited the villagers in Baan Mae Kam Pong and stopped by Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center on March, 5th 1981.

General Information

Geography

Most of the land is abundant hilly evergreen forest and mixed deciduous forest with some plains at 750 – 1,300 meters above sea level covering 21,656 rai or 8559 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 23 °C or 73.4 °F.

Population

More than 1,200 lowland people live in 5 villages.

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At present, many varieties of crops have been tested in demonstration plots at the center. When the most suitable varieties for local climate and environment are found, they will be promoted to the farmers. Vegetable, fruit, coffee and mushroom production have been supported under the Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to increase farmers' sustainable income and improve their livelihood. Furthermore, the center organizes and develops various activities related to education, society and public health to support community engagement and encourage individual and community strengths. The environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction, and environmental

contamination monitoring are also supported by the center. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the Center

Kailaan, baby pak choi, passion fruit, Arabica coffee, mushroom, vanilla, and phalaenopsis orchid.

Coffee under the trees creates income and conserve the nature.

The main produce in the areas around Teen Tok Royal Project Development Center is arabica coffee cultivated under soil and water conservation system. To prevent coffee rust, decrease diseases and pests and conserve the forests, farmers are growing coffee trees alternately with other crops under the shades of trees or in the abundant forest. The center is also the learning center for arabica coffee cultivation starting from planting, caring to harvesting high quality parchment coffee until turned into royal project products.

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