



# Ler Tor Royal Project Development Center



At present, the Ler Tor Royal Development Center has set up demonstration plots and studied the crop cultivation in the center environment to select the suitable crops like vegetables, fruits and coffee to be promoted among local farmers with the aim to conserve soil and water, increase the farmers' income and enhance their life quality. Furthermore, the center supports natural resources and environment conservation, reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil improvement with compost producing and Vetiver grass cultivation. With the collaboration among the center, the communities and local administrative offices, the communities are encouraged and strengthened to be self-sufficient. The Royal Project Young Smart Farmer Project is also initiated to build generation of future farmers.

## Background

Ler Tor Village located in remote mountainous area in Mae Teun Sub-district, Mae Ra-mard District, Tak Province was the poor and opium poppy-growing village of Pgakûuyau or Karen. There was also the encroachment on forest land to grow corn in that area. In 2016, the Royal Project Foundation, therefore, started the development projects in the area to dedicate the merit of the projects to His Majesty the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, its founder. The development projects follow the objectives given by His Majesty the Late King which are improving hill tribe people's life quality and decreasing opium poppy cultivation and reforestation. With the area exploration and collaboration with other organizations, the projects were implemented gradually and finally the Ler Tor Royal Project Development Center was set up.

## Geography

Ler Tor Village is a mountainous area at 500 – 1,200 m. above sea level located in Mae Ra-mard National Park

## Climate

Its average temperature is 23 °C (73.4 °F).

## Population

There are more than 5,610 Pgakûuyau or Karen in 6 villages and 14 communities.

## Location

Moo 13, Mae Teun Sub-district, Mae Ra-mard District, Tak 63140  
Tel. 093-134-766-9

## Main produces of the Center

Baby Pak Choi, Chinese mustard, Kailaan, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, cabbage, strawberry and passion fruit



## How to travel

1st route: Chiang Mai – Om Koi – Bann Ler Tor route is 285 km. It will take 5 hours but 6 – 7 hours in the rainy season.

2nd route: Chiang Mai – Lampang - Tak - Mae Sod – Mae Ra-mard – Ler Tor route is 372 km. and it takes 7 hours for the journey.

3rd route: Chiang Mai – Lampang – Bann Tak District – Mae Ra-mard – Ler Tor route is 350 km. It takes 6.45 hr. altogether since the route from Mae Ra-mard to Ler Tor is 45 km. with 30 km.

