



Mae Sa Mai Royal Project Development Center



Mae Sa Mai Royal Project Development Center these days has set up field demonstration plots and supported vegetable and fruit cultivation under Food Safety Standards: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to create farmers' sustainable income and to improve their livelihood. Additional activities on educational, social, environmental and public health development have been encouraged with community participation. The center also promotes and supports many projects and campaigns including hill tribe handicrafts preservation, reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil & water conservation by Vetiver grass cultivation and chemical use reduction as well as the awareness on environmental contamination campaigns. Furthermore, the center has been promoted as a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and interested people.

Background

In 1969, His Majesty the Late King visited Baan Hmong Mae Sa Mai by helicopter. His Majesty's helicopter landed on the blooming opium poppy flower field. After His Majesty the Late King arrived the village on foot, he learned that indigenous pig farming was important for the hill tribe's lifestyle and cultural ceremonies. However, the indigenous pig was small with big stomach; therefore, his Majesty the late King gave them well-bred male pigs, crop varieties and animal feed. In the collaboration with Mae Jo University, Mae Sa Mai Royal Project Development Center started its work in 1974 on researching and producing temperate crop seeds. Later in 1982, the center supported career development among hill tribe people as replacement to opium poppy cultivation, locals' quality of life improvement making them self-sufficient and environment restoration as well as conservation.

Geography

The area is steep mountainous terrain at 920 – 1,200 meters above sea level which covers 14,933 Rai (5,904 acres).

Climate

The area average temperature is 26 °C (78.8 °F).

Population

More than 4,640 Hmong and lowland people live in 2 villages and 3 communities.

Location

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Main produces of the Center

Green, yellow as well as red capsicum, table tomato, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, Chinese cabbage Michilli, chayote, potato, carrot, rosemary, grape, strawberry, fig, Japanese melon avocado and coffee plum, Japanese apricot, tea and coffee



How to travel

The center is 38 km. away from Chiang Mai city. Firstly, use highway 107 (Chiang Mai – Fang). When arriving 17 km. of Mae Rim District, turn left to highway 1096 and continue driving for 15 – 16 km. Take a left turn at Wat Pong Yang Chalermprakiet and drive along the road. The center will be found at 3 km. on the left side.

