



Background

The center started its work in 1979 with the objective to create enough crop varieties for the expanding cultivation. Thus, Upland Rice and Temperate Grain Experiment Station in Sa Moeng District, Chiang Mai was selected as breeding center. Later, the station was named Pang Da Royal Agricultural Station and moved to the area next to the reservoir of Huay Pla Gang Royal Project.

On February, 12th 1987, His Majesty the Late King and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visited Pang Da Breeding Center and named the breeding center as "Pang Da Royal Agricultural Station".

Geography

The area is plains at the foot of the hills at 400 – 900 meters and covers 95,000 Rai or 37,560 acres.

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 23 °C (73.4 °F)

Population

More than 4,180 Tai Lue and lowland people live in 11 villages and 13 communities.

Location

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Nowadays, Pang Da Royal Agricultural Station is the center of crop varieties and research on temperate fruits, tropical fruits, flowers, organic vegetables, herbs and etc. It is also the center of foreign variety trial and selection. Moreover, the center has provided supports for the local farmers in vegetable, fruit and field crop cultivation to meet Food Safety Standard such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) to increase their income and improve their livelihood. The center also promotes and supports the strength of each individual and community, Cooperative Saving Group, Hill Tribe Handicraft Preservation Group, Clean Village Project, natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", Vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction campaign, and contamination monitoring campaign. The center itself has been a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the Center

Sweet corn bi-color, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, white Chinese chives, Japanese sweet potato, passion fruit, fig, seedless grape, mulberry, red kidney bean, black soy bean, navy bean, hemp, Bresse chicken and organic laying hen



How to travel

The center is 50 km. from Chiang Mai city. Firstly, take highway 107. After passing Mae Rim District, turn left to highway 1096 (Mae Rim – Samoeng). At Samoeng junction, turn right and continue driving for a kilometer. The center sign can be seen and the center is on the right side.

