



Background

His Majesty the Late King and Her Majesty the Queen paid their first visit to the villagers at Baan Hauy Hom in 1971. At that time, there were deforestation and opium poppy cultivation in the area. Later Their Majesties the King and Queen revisited the village in 1976 and 1978 and gave the villagers some necessities and sheep. On their fourth visit in 1979, the petition for the Royal Project Development Center establishment in the area was submitted by Mr.Boonsom Kan-jeung, the village headman at that time. His Majesty the Late King then asked the President of the Royal Project Foundation to provide help and support on agricultural, social and public health development. Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center was finally established in 1980. In the interest of water and forest conservation and sustainable farming, His Majesty the Late King recommended the villagers grow Vetiver grass during the visit in 1992.

Geography

Complex mountainous area at 1,000 – 1,100 MASL covers more than 27,840 Rai or 11,007 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 25 °C (77 °F).

Population

More than 3, 480 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Lua people resides in 5 villages and 9 communities.

Location

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Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center

Mae La Noi Royal Project Development Center has provided supports for the local farmers in crop cultivation to meet Food Safety Standard such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Organic Coffee Standard to increase the farmers' income and improve their livelihood. The center also promotes and supports the strength of each individual and community, Clean Village Project, Drug-Free Village Project, Hill tribe handicraft preservation, 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

Baby Pak Choi, baby Cos lettuce, red coral lettuce, red oak leaf lettuce, green oak leaf lettuce, Kailaan, Jalapeno, eggplant purple long, eggplant purple round, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, avocado, passion fruit, cape gooseberry, persimmon, Japanese plum, Arabica coffee, upland rice and lowland rice







How to travel

<u>1st Route:</u> The trip lasts approximately 5 hr. from Chiang Mai city for 250 km. drive. Take the highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Mae Hong Sorn) passing Mae Sa-Riang District and heading to Mae La Noi District. When arriving 132 km. opposite to Mae La Noi post office, take a right turn to highway 1266 for another 30 km. 2nd Route: The trip is 164 km. from Mae Hong Sorn province and

<u>2nd Route:</u> The trip is 164 km. from Mae Hong Sorn province an lasts around 3 hr. Take the highway 108 passing Khun Yuam District and heading to Mae La Noi District. Opposite to Mae La Noi post office, take a left turn to highway 1266 for another 30 km.



