

ม<mark>ูลนิธิโครงการหลวง</mark> ROYAL PROJECT FOUNDATION



Background

In 1979, His Majesty the Late King paid his visit to the hill tribes at Pang Ung Village. His Majesty the Late King, at that time, gave recommendations on irrigation system and crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy growing among local farmers. His Majesty the Late King also supported permanent crop cultivation and infrastructure development in the area. In the collaboration with the Chiang Mai Agricultural Extension Office, Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center, therefore, was set up as well as temperate crop cultivation was promoted and supported. At the beginning, the crop supported was fruits. Later, the supports were expanded to field crop & vegetable cultivation and natural resource conservation, which finally becomes the development and supports for economy, society, and culture along with natural resource conservation.

Geography

The area is plains between valleys at 800 – 1,200 meters above sea level and covers 45,490 Rai or 17,985 acres.

<u>Climate</u>

The average temperature is 22 °C (71.6 °F).

Population

More than 7,260 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Hmong live in 9 villages and 17 communities.

Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center

At present, Pang Ung Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots and supported the local farmers to grow varied crops to meet Food Safety Standard like Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to increase their income and improve their livelihood. The center also supports life quality development by promoting community engagement in strengthening each individual and community. Natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", Vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, chemical use reduction, and contamination monitoring are also supported with the participation of people in the communities. The center itself has been a highland agricultural learning center for students, farmers and others who are interested, as well.

Main produces of the Center

Grape, avocado, passion fruit, capsicum, potato, beetroot, cherry tomato, Azuki bean, upland rice, navy bean, red kidney bean, black sticky rice, Karen chili and hemp



How to travel

The trip lasts approximately 3.5 hr. Take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hang Dong). When arriving Jom Thong District, turn right and head to Inthanon Mountain on highway 1009. At the second checkpoint, turn left to highway 1192 (Mae Jam District). Next, use highway 1088 and turn left at Baan Mae Na Jorn to highway 1263. Then, drive for 30 km. until reaching Baan Huay Pak Kood. After that, continue driving for 10 km., you will arrive the center.

Location

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