



Kae Noi Royal Project Development Center



Background

In 1980, His Majesty the Late King paid a visit to Lahu people at Baan Kae Noi and learned about their sufferings. Therefore, His Majesty the Late King initiated the help by giving his personnel money to the Royal Project for the assistance. In the beginning, the focus of Royal Project was to promote temperate crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy cultivation, decrease shifting cultivation, develop basic infrastructure in the community, and restore as well as conserve the environment.

Geography

The area is basin-like surrounded by valleys at 950 – 1,000 meters above sea level and covers 57,210 Rai (22,619 acres)

Climate

The average temperature of the area is 21 °C (69.8 °F).

Population

There are more than 6,420 Lahu and Haw people residing in 13 villages.

Location

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Kae Noi Royal Project Development Center these days has promoted career development among hill tribe farmers by setting up field demonstration plots for many crops: vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, field crops and Arabica coffee based on soil & water conservation, Food Safety Standard (Good Agricultural Practices) and DOA Organic Thailand in order to generate sustainable income and improve life quality of the local farmers. In the interest of better livelihood of people in the community and the strength of the community, the education, society, environment and public health related activities are organized by the center to promote and support community engagement. The center also promotes and supports many projects and campaigns including reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass cultivation, chemical use reduction and the awareness on environmental pollution. Furthermore, the Center has been promoted to be a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and other interested people.

Main produces of the Center

Cabbage, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai , head lettuce, Cos, Japanese pumpkin, cherry tomato, avocado, mango, cape gooseberry, highland rice, navy bean, Azuki bean, black bush bean, buckwheat, quinoa, Hydrangea and bird of paradise



How to travel

The distance form Chiang Mai city to the center is 175 km. and the trip lasts approximately 3 – 4 hr. Firstly, take highway 107 (Chiang Mai – Fang) and pass Chiang Dao District (Bypass). When arriving Muang Ngay junction, take a left turn to highway 1173 (Muang Ngay – Fang) which is 68 km. mountain road. The road condition is asphalt with a few dirt, which makes traveling to the center possible all year round.

