



Mon Ngo Royal Project Development Center



Background

The center started its work in 1985 when the local Hmong people made their living by logging and shifting cultivation for opium poppy growing. The Royal Project Foundation, therefore, promoted and supported temperate crop cultivation to replace the opium poppy growing. The foundation has also developed the community infrastructure.

Geography

Most of the area is a complex mountainous terrain with hill evergreen forest and mixed deciduous forest at 500 – 1,200 meters above sea level covering 52 km² or 12,849.5 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 24 °C (75.2 °F)

Population

More than 1, 980 lowland people and Hmong people live in 7 villages and 17 communities.

Location

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At present, field demonstration plots have been set up in the center to obtain the suitable crop varieties for local climate and environment. The center also supports local farmers to practice agriculture based on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). Flower, mushroom, coffee, Chinese tea and vanilla cultivation is promoted in order to create sustainable income and improve the farmers' livelihood. Furthermore, the center supports the community engagement for each individual's and community's strength, drugs spread prevention, hygiene development, young farmer development, natural resource and environmental conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the Center

Japanese pumpkin, pointed cabbage, Cos, mushroom, Cymbidium, Lady's slipper, avocado, persimmon, seedless grape, passion fruit, Chinese tea and Arabica coffee



How to travel

The center is approximately 65 km. away from Chiang Mai city. Drive passing Mae Rim District and head to Mae Tang District. Then turn left to Mae Tang – Pai highway. When arriving the center entrance which is in front of Sob Peung Temple, turn right and drive along the asphalt road leading to Mon Ngo Royal Project Development Center.

