



# Thung Luang Royal Project Development Center



## **Background**

In 1979, with the intention of His Majesty the Late King to solve the lack of basic infrastructure, the center promoted temperate crop cultivation as replacement to opium poppy and shifting cultivation. The center also developed the basic infrastructure of the community.

## **Geography**

The area is plains between valleys at 800 – 1,400 meters above sea level and covers 63,802 Rai or 25,225 acres.

## **Climate**

Its average temperature is 20 °C (68 °F).

## **Population**

More than 4,850 Pgakûuyau or Karen and Hmong residing in 9 villages and 3 communities.

## **Location**

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At present, Thung Luang Royal Project Development Center has supported the local farmers to cultivate crops which are suitable to the local environment based on soil & water conservation system and set up field demonstration plots. The center has also passed on agricultural technologies and promoted career development based on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), McDonald GAP and Thailand Organic Standard of the Department of Agriculture with the aims to generate sustainable income and to improve the life quality of the local farmers. Moreover, the supports are provided for the engagement in natural resource & environmental conservation, reforestation project called "Three Forests, Four Benefits", Vetiver grass growing to reduce soil erosion, better livelihood of locals, the strength of each individual and community, Drug-Free Village Project, hygienic and environmental development in the hill tribe communities, hill tribe handicraft preservation as well as Agricultural Cooperative and Saving Group establishment. The center itself has been a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and general people who are interested.

## **Main produces of the center**

Head lettuce, cabbage, Chinese cabbage Pe-tsai, carrot, baby carrot, capsicum, Cos, red oak leaf lettuce, green oak leaf lettuce, Chinese mustard, Frillice Iceberg lettuce, Japanese Sweet Potato, tomato, garlic, persimmon, avocado, grape, passion fruit, strawberry, Conifer leaf and balloon flower.



## **How to travel**

The distance between Chiang Mai city and the center is 65 km. and the trip lasts 1.5 hr. Firstly, take highway 108 (Chiang Mai – Hod). Take a right turn and head to Baan Kad Sub-district after passing San Pa Thong District for 700 meters. Next, continue driving and pass Mae Wang District and Mae Win Elephant Camp. When arriving Wat Phra That Sri Putthiwong, drive along the road for 500 meters, you will find the center. (The center is 48 km. from San Pa Tong intersection.)

**Remarks:** Any car can be used in the trip since the asphalt road condition is good all year round. However, it should not be overloaded because the road is steep and curvy. There is no public transportation to the center.