

# An example of the royally initiated project is the Huay Lan Development Project.

**Location:** Ban Pong Village, Tambon On Tai, Sankampaeng district, Chiang Mai



**History:** His Majesty the King graciously visited Huay Lan area on February 16, 1987. On March 5, 1987, the king had the area developed by improving the soil, water and forest for a more fertile ecosystem that would improve the quality of life for the local people.

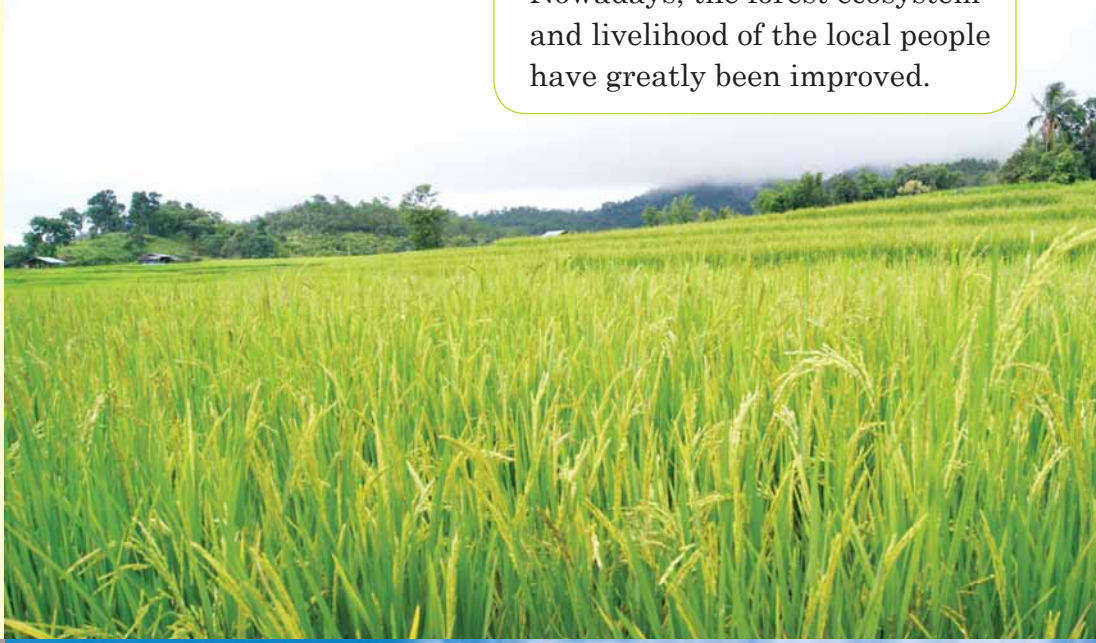


The local villagers have implemented the king's initiative on sufficiency economy in their daily lives by forming into vocational and interest groups, such as a textile weaving group, a wicker ware group, a savings group, and a new agricultural theory group



The royal initiative brought about reforestation, orchid nursery, rattan cultivation, Rhus gum development, weir construction, Vetiver grass plantation, and the construction of three reservoirs: Huay Lan, Doi Ton and Huay Pa Rai, as fish breeding grounds and a fresh water fishery station.

Nowadays, the forest ecosystem and livelihood of the local people have greatly been improved.



These royal projects have been greatly beneficial to the ecological system and have improved the livelihood of the Thai people, as well as the biosphere of all living beings in the country.

"I shall reign with righteousness for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people."

This royal pledge was initially declared at the king's coronation ceremony on May 5, 1950. The statement is analogous to his popular commitment, creating numerous important royally initiated projects from 1950 to 1981. Under the supervision of the Office of the Royal Development Projects Board from 1982 to 2008, there were 4,404 royally initiated projects, which were classified into eight categories.

- Watershed development
- Public health
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Environment
- Career promotion
- Other important projects



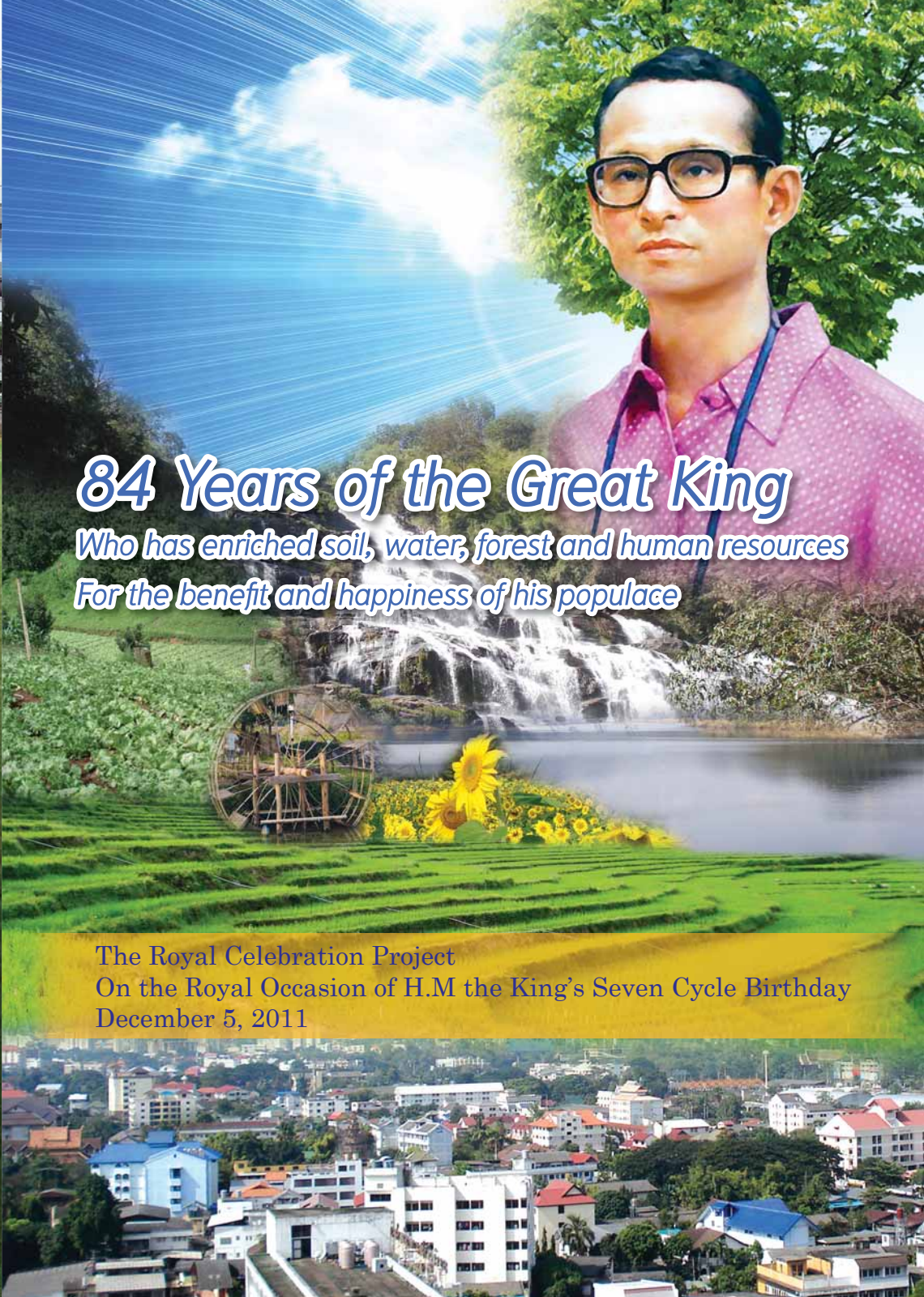
Chiang Mai Rajabhat University has participated in local development in response to the royal initiatives since it was a teachers' training college (1960-1992), concerning rural teachers trainings, rural development and cooperatives curricula, and other curricula or subjects in accordance with the royally initiated projects and practical personnel.

Presently, the university has implemented practical training and instructions as well as the royal initiatives to the communities. The institution has also partaken in the border police school development project, the Saiyairak Family Project, the Project for the Conservation of Rhus Tree and Rhus Gum Collection in Saluang Area, and the Project for Plant Genetics Conservation in addition to granting scholarships to needy students.

Moreover, the university has published and publicized books on the royally initiated projects. It will organize His Majesty the King's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the benefit and happiness of the populace on December 5, 2011.



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**84 Years of the Great King**  
Who has enriched soil, water, forest and human resources  
For the benefit and happiness of his populace

The Royal Celebration Project  
On the Royal Occasion of H.M the King's Seven Cycle Birthday  
December 5, 2011





## Ban Mae Tung Ting Sample Farm Project under the Initiative of H.M the Queen

**Location:** Mae Tung Ting Village, Tambon Mae Sap, Samoeng District, Chiang Mai

**History:** On March 5, 1997, Her Majesty the Queen visited the villagers at Huay Tung Ting Watershed Forest and asked concerned state agencies, involved in the Samoeng Forest Project to establish the Mae Tung Ting Sample Farm Project and the Arts and Crafts Center in a degraded forest area. The objective was to provide local villagers vocational training on agriculture, textile weaving, livestock, quail and mushroom farming as well as eucalyptus and Neem tree cultivation, with the labor coming from poor people in the village and neighboring areas. Additionally, a royal rice bank and rain water storage were established. The Army Region 3 was assigned to supervise operational activities of the farm.



## Other royally initiated farm projects

In addition to the Mae Tung Ting Farm Project, H.M the Queen also initiated the Ban Khun Tae Farm Project in Chiang Mai and other farm projects in Lampang, Sakon Nakhon, Ratchaburi, Prachuab Khirikhan, Phthalung, and Narathiwat provinces.

Other royally initiated projects of the queen are located all over the country. For instance, various projects are under the Arts and Crafts Promotion Foundation, which was founded on July 21, 1976, with the aim of increasing incomes of farmers and preserving traditional arts and crafts.

Establishing food banks and conserving forest ecosystem are important initiatives of the queen, as illustrated in her speech delivered on August 10, 1991:



"Forests help absorb rain water in the ground called subterranean water. The water is gradually released to become creeks, streams and rivers for us to use. Therefore, we should conserve our forests as a watershed, so that young generations will not suffer."

Furthermore, the queen delivered a comparative speech that:

"The king is water and I am a forest, a forest that is loyal to the water. The king constructs reservoirs and I create forests."

(December 20, 1982)



## Wichaya Agriculture Center



**Location:** Kong Hae Village, Tambon Pong Yaeng, Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai

**History:** Wichaya Agriculture Center was founded on December 21, 2001 under the initiative of the Crown Prince when he visited the village. On July 18, 2002, the Crown Prince gave his personal land of 1,350 rai to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in order to establish the agriculture center for research, training and dissemination of knowledge and technology to communities. Moreover, the center also carries out environmental, natural resource conservation and rehabilitation activities for a balanced ecological system and is therefore a natural food source for the community.

For land use, 259.63 rai (7.17%) is used for agriculture, e.g. paddy fields, orchards, horticulture, vegetable farms and integrated dry crops; 1,065.52 rai (78.92%) for forest area; and 24.96 rai for office buildings and other structures

At present, the center has learning center buildings, two reservoirs, check dams, irrigation canals, vegetable demonstration beds, learning demonstration areas, fruit plantations, organic fertilizer demonstrations, fisheries, food banks, forest conservation areas, and orchid nurseries.

Other development projects under the initiatives of the Crown Prince are located in every region of the country. They include the Project for Peace and Community Empowerment at Santi 2 Village (Yala Province), the Mobile Agriculture Clinic (Chumporn Province), the *Saiyairak* Family Project, the Project for the Dreams of Outstanding Youth, the Crown Prince Scholarship Project, and Dipangkorn Rasmijoti Childcare Centers.



## Development Projects under the Initiatives of H.R.H Princess Sirindhorn

H.R.H Princess Sirindhorn has undertaken child and youth development work in rural areas since 1980, starting from the Agriculture for School Lunch Project in Border Police Schools in mountainous border areas before expanding the project to cover state-sponsored schools in other areas.

The Princess's projects focus on improving four aspects of life quality for rural people, namely health and hygiene, education, vocation, and environmental and natural resource conservation.

Instances of the projects include agriculture for school lunches, educational promotion, promotion of hygiene and nutrition of students, vocational promotion, cooperatives promotion, and the use of radio for education and career development.

Projects related to environmental and natural resource conservation include Nature Park under the Initiative of Princess Sirindhorn (Ratchaburi Province) and Plant Genetics Conservation Projects.

The Project for Rhus Tree Conservation and Rhus Gum Collection in Chiang Mai and Surat Thani Provinces

