The work of the Agri-Nature Foundation, Thailand

One man’s vision

Wiwat Salyakamrorn, President of Agri-Nature Foundation

Globalisation comes with four crises

- Natural disasters
- Contagious diseases
- Poverty
- Political and social conflict, war

Sufficiency Economy is the Solution

“Our Country is rich. And strategic. So that if there is any struggle in the world, people want to get this country, And there’s always a struggle in the world. We still stand here. We stand here for the good of the whole world…”

Royal Interview to National Geographic, 1992

Agri-Nature Foundation

Believes in three principles:
- Sufficiency Economy
- Agrarian Society
- Human Development

Sufficiency Economy

Middle Path

Moderation

Reasonableness

Self-immunity

Knowledge

Ethics

Fundamental guidance for conduct and decision making in all sectors comprised of 3 factors and 2 conditions
Three Factors

Moderation
It means not too much, not too little in any production and consumption. Don’t create a burden on yourself or others

Reasonableness
Think carefully about the pros and cons and impacts before making a decision

Self-immunity
Protect oneself from the impacts of both internal and external changes

Two Conditions

Knowledge
Thoroughness, prudence is achieved via mindfulness, wisdom and expertise

Ethics
Honesty, integrity, diligence, patience and generosity

Comparison of Trade Economy and Isolated Economy

Agricultural Development in Thailand

Agrarian Society

Thailand is a world kitchen
- Agricultural based society
- Located in the tropical zone
- Rainy season 4-8 months per year
- Fertile soil - long river basins
- Tropical rain forest – biodiversity, watershed
- Long coastline – mangrove forest

The King’s new theories

Reforest at least 30%
Revive balanced ecological system
Organic farming to prevent soil degradation
To prove the King’s new theories

Revive a piece of dead hardpan soil:

**How!**

Feed the soil and
Let the soil feed the plant

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Sufficiency Economy and organic husbandry

- No monocrop
- Mixed forestry, natural fertilizer, herbs
- Natural soil protection system
- Water protection system

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Our Techniques

Grow vetiver grass
to protect against soil erosion and build soil

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Our Techniques cont.

Mulch the soil with leaves or straw to prevent the evaporation of moisture

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Our Techniques cont.

Grow three types of tree for four benefits:
- Housing
- Food
- Household products
- Balanced ecological system

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The Sufficiency Economy in practice

**9 Steps to Sufficiency Economy Living**

1. **Sufficient Food**
2. **Sufficient Shelter**
3. **Sufficient Household Use**
4. **Clean Environment**
5. **Toward Monks, Parents, Teachers. Showing Gratitude**
6. **Giving and Sharing**
7. **Preserving**
8. **Trade**
9. **Building Wealth from Right Trade**

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Human Development
To educate and to implement Sufficiency Economy Philosophy successfully
To raise people awareness to preserve natural resources and keep ecological balance.

Agri-Nature Network
• Agri-Nature Foundation
• Sufficiency Economy Foundation
• Sufficiency Economy Institute

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What we do …
Reviving natural basins
Change & Build mindsets of the people
Resource Center for the King’s philosophy
and proven implementation

How we work …

People
Academic
Private
Media &
Non-Profit org.
Government

How we work …
Basin cultivation activities by AREA
Train & Build people with sufficiency mindsets
King’s philosophy & proven practices

-Solution to 4 crisis
-Build success stories
-Farmers teach Farmers
-Embed in mindset
-Networking

How we incubate mindsets …
Agri-nature Foundation

Organic Farming Network of Thailand
121 Learning Centers in all parts of Thailand
Northeastern local wise-man group

Balanced Agricultural Network
Alternative/Sustainable Agricultural Network

Over 300,000 people has been trained