

The work of the Agri-Nature Foundation, Thailand

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One man's vision

Wiwat Salyakamton, President of Agri-Nature Foundation

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Globalisation comes with four crises

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

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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

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Agri-Nature Foundation

Believes in three principles:

- Sufficiency Economy
- Agrarian Society
- Human Development

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Sufficiency Economy

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

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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

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Two Conditions

Knowledge

Thoroughness, prudence is achieved via mindfulness, wisdom and expertise

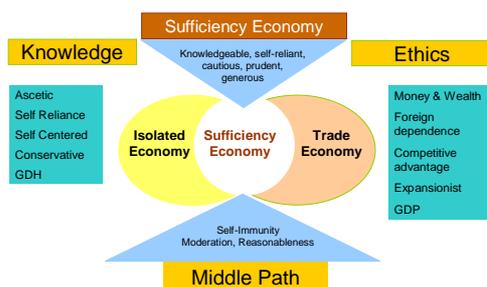
Ethics

Honesty, integrity, diligence, patience and generosity

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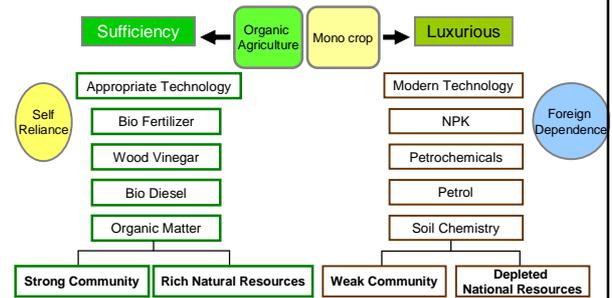
Comparison of Trade Economy and Isolated Economy



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Agricultural Development in Thailand



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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

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The King's new theories

Reforest
at least 30%



Revive balanced
ecological system



Organic farming
to prevent soil
degradation



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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

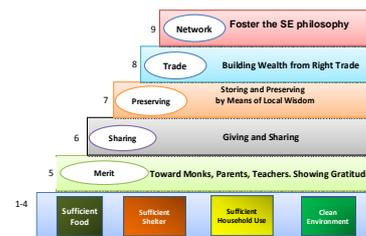


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The Sufficiency Economy in practice

9 Steps to Sufficiency Economy Living



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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.

Sufficiency Economy Learning Center



Agri-Nature Network

- Agri-Nature Foundation
- Sufficiency Economy Foundation
- Sufficiency Economy Institute

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What we do ...

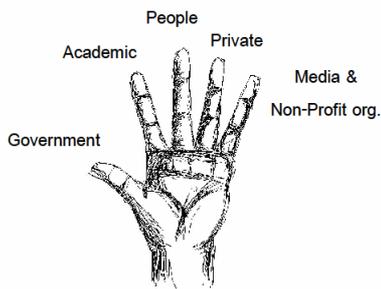
Reviving natural basins

Change & Build mindsets of the people

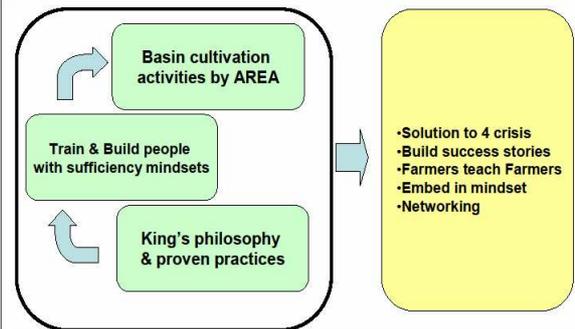
Resource Center for the King's philosophy and proven implementation



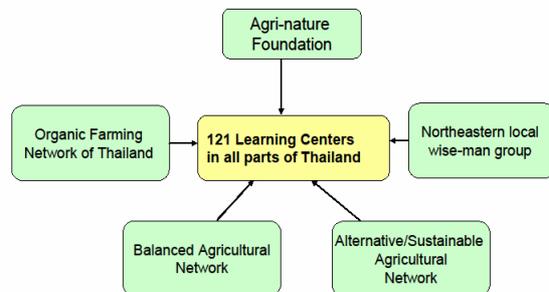
How we work ...



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How we incubate mindsets ...



Over 300,000 people has been trained