

Rural Training Center – Thailand (RTC-TH)

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The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, there's a globe with a green leaf and a golden trophy on top. The text 'R.E.E.E.P.P.' is written in a semi-circle at the top, and 'Rural Training Center-Thailand' is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. The text 'Rural Environmental Education Enhancement Pilot Program' is written in a smaller font around the globe.

REEEPP

**Rural Environmental Education
Enhancement Pilot Program**



Making Miang



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This is an English Language Training module of **REEEPP**

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Our tea plants are mixed in with fruit trees in the Central and West orchards



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Green Tea Intercropping Area

A few years ago, we got a few hundred green tea seedlings for being the top farm in the district. We intercropped the tea into the West and part of the Central orchards. The main purpose is the value-added pickling of the leaves to make miang (a local herbal alertness treatment).



Approximate farm boundary in yellow dashed line. The farm terrain can be seen as 3 steps going up from the paved road (top left corner of the photo).

Lower Section

- P = Pasture
- RP = Rice paddies

Middle Section

- EP = East fishPond
- EO = East Orchard
- EG = East Gully
- CP = Central fishPond
- CO = Central Orchard
- WP = West fishPond
- WO = West Orchard
- WG = West Gully

Upper Section

- WT = West Terraces
- ET = East Terraces
- CG = Central Gully

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Mom selectively cuts tea leaves



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She gets a variety of leaf sizes



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When the bag is full, she is ready to sort and trim them



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She arranges a group of tea leaves



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She wraps them together with a bamboo twist tie



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Then she trims off the hard stems



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This is a bundle of tea leaves ready for steaming



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The stove in the outdoor kitchen is lit.



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Several bundles are packed into a steaming tray



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The top tray is given an extra seal before steaming



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Two steaming trays ready for steaming



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Mom puts more wood on the fire



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After steaming, the bundles of leaves are put in plastic bags.



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She will be carry them home.



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These steamed tea leaves are ready for pickling.



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The bags of steamed tea leaves arrive in the kitchen.



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A bag of steamed leaves is put into a container. Mom adds some water.



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She then adds some salt.



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The bag is sealed.



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The containers are put on a shelf and the date is recorded.



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There are different batches that will be ready at different times.



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Pickled tea leaves can be sold in bulk.



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Some people will buy several bundles at a time.



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**Mom sells the
bulk pickled
tea leaves by
weight.
A usual order
is 2 kg.**



The pickled leaves can be rolled into a ball.



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You have to arrange the leaves for rolling.



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A pinch of salt or brown sugar can be added depending on taste.



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**A finished rolled ball is about 2.5 cm
in diameter**



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Finished “miang” a bagged for sale.



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The RTC-TH was created to honor the memory of Mr. Tang Suttisan, a father, a farmer, and a man who valued education and used it in starting his family farm applying the King's Theory.



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Rural Environmental Education Enhancement Pilot Program

An innovative, non-traditional community-based environmental education program integrating math, science, geography, English language, and technology lessons for environmental stewardship using interactive experiential learning in outdoor settings at Ban Na Fa Elementary School, Nan Province, Thailand..



The End



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