Alternative Accommodations

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Local at heart!



COVID... Hua Hin to Chiang Mai

- · 10 years The Family Tree Fair Trade store
- Trip Advisor Hall of Fame, International awards...
- · Covid 19 ended our business ... big life lesson to accept change
- · 29 December 2020, headed north to start a new life in CNX
- Explored Chiang Mai with passion. Life must go on. Life is impermanent. Be present. Make today the best!



Started to make great friends in Baan Pong Huai Lan community!.

Nice place to get older!





Building trust, taking time

- · Survey with architect
- Joining in with local activities, Buddhist events
- Share and support community 'money tree'
- Join forest ordination local wisdom of forest conservation
- -Followed local traditions for house building.
- Turning point.. Community members came to help me to plan our first tree in Harmony@Huailan.
- · I called it unity Tree!

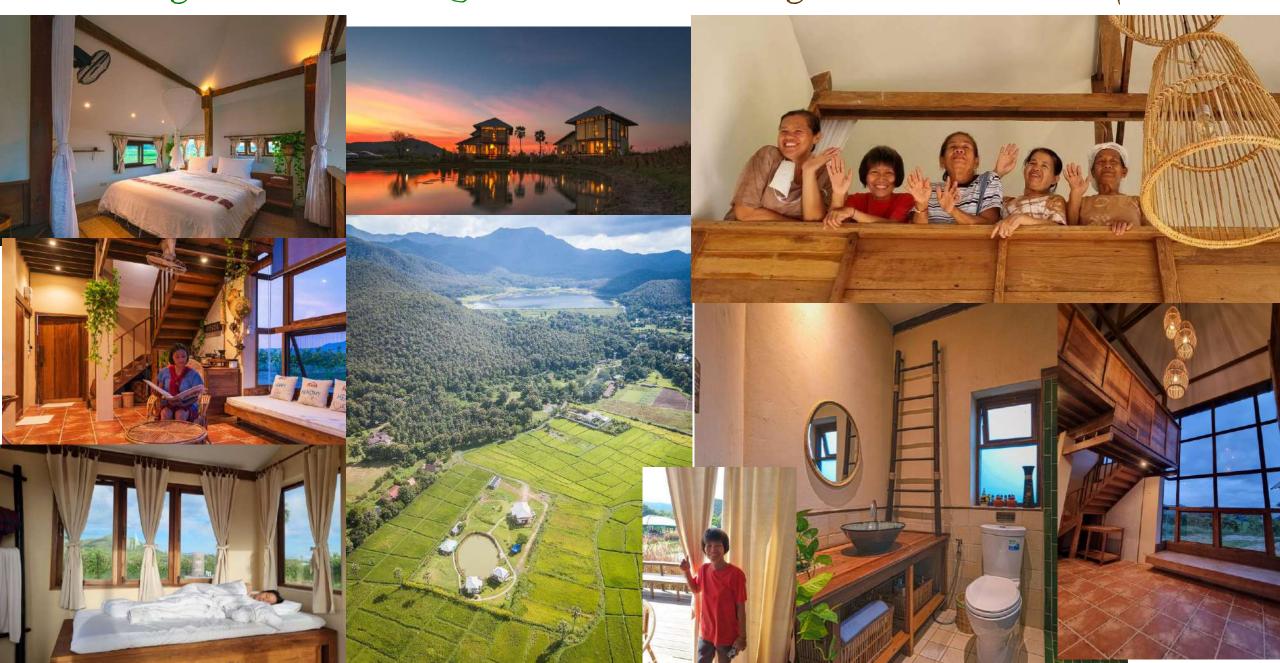
Deep dive to meet artisans, make friends, explore potentials

Beautiful people, beautiful skills, beautiful products

Rattan from Rama IX Royal Dev Project Weaving, basketry, pottery, woodwork...



Weaving local hearts & arts in the design and details of H@H



Local life here is simple... We keep the feel a little raw, to stay connected



Working together to offer local flavour & spirit of place



In the village... every H@H guest has a local experience

Weaving, cook a local nationalities





Happy people need a healthy environment...

95% reclaimed wood, 70% solar power, sustainable waste management and water treatment, active in PMUC / TEATA Low Carbon Network





Be open, reach out, get to know, learn from, participate with formal & informal leaders



Típ: Short educational programs.... Bíg lessons in a short tíme... Thank-you maejo university ©



What have we learned? What can we share?

- Start with... how do we understand and value culture?
- Culture is not just material. Culture is life, community soul... Culture is the music, dance, arts, crafts that make life beautiful and joyful..,
- How people share, respect, give, welcome, bless, say thank-you and ask for forgiveness... are the deepest lessons... Understanding & respect can help bring peace
- · We are not so different... we want love, respect, peace
- · Search for spírit of place... take your time, earn trust
- Explore the details, and weave them into your project with love. Share opportunities for work and income
- · Network and be open to collaborating with existing good work
- · Most important, join in, step in, make friends (stay neutral)
- · Invite your guests, but always give them space to choose

