

**Evaluation form for the internship program on the topic
of Ecological Farming in HEPA**

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Topic: Ecological Farming Method

Duration: 4 months

Time for presentation: 17 minutes

Time for Questions and Answers: 8 minutes

No	Content	Score (Max: 10)
Part 1: Attitude towards a harmonious life with nature in HEPA		
1.1	The compliance of regulations	7.0
1.2	The participation in community works	8.0
Part 2: Practicing Ecofarming in the garden		
2.1	Theoretical understanding about Ecofarming concepts	8.5
2.2	The application of Ecofarming techniques on the garden	8.5
2.3	The diligence working on the garden	8.0
Part 3: Presentation of the targeted topic in class room		
3.1	The organization of the presentation	8.5
3.2	Topic Knowledge	8.5
3.3	Creativity	8.5
3.4	Stage presence	8.5
Part 4: Presentation of the targeted topic in the garden		
4.1	The organization of the presentation	8.5
4.2	Topic Knowledge	8.5
4.3	Creativity	8.5
4.4	Stage presence	8.5
Part 5: Questions and Answers		9.0

Part 5: Feedback of the mentors: Questions and Answers

1. What is the most important principle in Ecofarming method? Does the Ecofarming method need local wisdom/knowledge?

In my opinion, understanding Ecofarming is the most important principle in Ecofarming, e.g. how is the soil, how are other factors in the ecosystem, before designing or planting any type of plants.

Local knowledge holding by those who live in the ecosystem is very important. This is because nature grows/develops by itself. Therefore, knowledge of these people who understand this process of nature is very important. With outsiders, they do not have enough time to understand the ecosystem, whereas local people have been following and understanding the whole process of nature.

2. In your opinion, what is the biggest challenge in Ecofarming?

The biggest challenge in applying Ecofarming is how to choose appropriate plants for cultivating. This is because we need time to experiment, in order to know whether the chosen plants are harmonious with the surrounding species, or they adapt to environmental factors such as soil, water, wind and fire in that ecosystem

3. After 4 months learning in HEPA, what aspects could you apply in Thailand? What are challenges to apply there?

I will share with Khon Khen farmers about this Ecofarming method. The problem that Khon Khen farmers are facing is that they want to harvest quickly, so they apply a large amount of chemical substances. As a result, the productivity is getting lower. Farmers could not explain. Therefore, the first it is needed to changes the way of thinking of Khon Khen farmers if Ecofarming method wants to access here. Explanations help farmers to understand that the application of chemical substances have destroyed ecological conditions, resulting in reduction in productivity.

To apply in Khon Khen, it is also necessary to understand Khon Khen natural conditions. For example, it is very sunny here (more than in HEPA), the soil has red color. From all, we change the way of farmers' thinking and introduce the new way of farming (Ecofarming) for Khon Khen farmers.