

Towards Low Carbon City with Sufficiency Economy Philosophy



“**Low Carbon City**”, some might have heard more or less about this term and wonder what’s “Low Carbon City” looks like. We have an example of one tiny city in the northern part of Thailand which has been implemented activities toward “Low Carbon City” according to **Sufficiency Economy philosophy** which refer to adequacy and self-reliance approaches.

Huay-kaw-gum is a tiny city in Phayow province, the area of the city is 62 km². The villagers are mostly are farmers, employees and traders. Same as some other cities, Huay-kaw-gum got severe impact from drought, forest fire and smog, however the difference from others was the approaches that the city implemented in order to deal with this issue.

City’s leaders and executives considered using the approach according to the 4 strategies, the green city, the city without pollution, concern of energy and sustainable consumption and most importantly hold on to the sufficiency principles. Some of measures are using grain for livestock, cropping without Insecticides, biomass by using scraps of wood, waste separation from senior citizen in order to sale to public companies ,etc.

The above are just some approaches that Huay-kaw-gum have been implementing which we can see that they don’t even have to use high technology or high cost to implement such activities, they just adapt and apply to their own way and encourage the development of cost-effective use of resources. You can see that the way towards “Low Carbon City” is not that too hard to do, you only have to have intention and cooperation among all stakeholders, the target of becoming “Low Carbon City” is not far beyond the reach of.