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The roof is part of the building where obtains the most of direct heat from the sun. Heat transfer inside the building could affect energy consumption and also thermal comfort of building user. Consequently, there is a method to cover the roof by plant called Green roof.

The objective of this research is to study the efficiency of Green roof to reduce building temperature and to decrease electricity consumption from air conditioner; and to analyze factors of Green roof which could protect heat gain from the roof into the building. The experiment consists of four model boxes of 1.20 x 1.20 x 1.20 meter each, representing four different roof types as follows: Concrete roof, Malaysia grass roof with 10 centimeter soil depth, Nuannoi grass roof with 10 centimeter soil depth and Malaysia grass roof with 20 centimeter soil depth. Temperature data has been collected to compare with the EnergyPlus program model and to find energy consumption of stimulated workshop room of 4.00 x 6.00 x 3.20 meter.

The result of this experiment is that Nuannoi grass roof with 10 centimeter soil depth has the lowest temperature under roof surface during daytime. The temperature is 7.3 degree Celsius less than Concrete roof or 23.7% decrease while the inside building temperature decrease at 2.4 degree Celsius or at 8.5%. In case of no air conditioning system, Nuannoi grass which has the leaf area index more than Malaysia grass can better reduce temperature under the roof surface at the similar depth of soil, as well as the temperature inside the building. The stimulation of workshop room by EnergyPlus Program shows that Nuannoi grass roof with 20 centimeter soil depth will consume the minimum of electricity energy by decreasing 21.5% of the consumption per year compare to Concrete roof. In case of building with air conditioning system, the same plant with more depth of soil will consume less electrical energy.

As a result, Green roof which is appropriate to buildings in tropical climate zone should have dense leaf (High Leaf area index) and should be the buildings which use air conditioning system during the day than during the night, for example, office building, classroom in university, etc.