



LE ROYAUME DE VAN LANG
THE KINGDOM OF VAN LANG

Văn Lang referred in fact to the semi-legendary epoch of the eighteen Hùng kings or Lạc Vương (2879-257 B.C.) or 2622 years. It was the legend and the myth of the Dragon and the Immortal of whom Vietnamese are issue. Văn Lang Kingdom was bordered on the east by China Sea, on the west by the Kingdom of Ba Thuc, on the north by Đông Đình Hồ territory and on the south by Champa which extended to the present central Vietnam.

At that epoch, the Vietnamese people lived on fishing and cultivation. They already knew how to use tree bark to make clothes, prepare rice alcohol, practice slash and burn agriculture, eat ordinary rice or sweet rice, live in houses on stilts to avoid wild animals etc... From their customs came many Vietnamese popular tales (the story of the "Sweet Rice Cake", that of "The Betel Quid", that of "The God of the Mountains and The God of the Rivers" etc...).

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There is a part of reality in the history of this kingdom. The ruins of the Cổ Loa citadel (City of Shell) located at Đông Anh district 16km northwest of Hà-Nội and the temples of Hùng kings witness these indisputable vestiges with regard to historians.

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