Fifth Grade from Saddleback Vietnamese School

Lesson 14

King Lý Thái Tổ and Lý Dynasty

King Lý Thái Tổ’s real name is Lý Công Uẩn, he’s the son-in-law of king Lê Đại Hành and he’s also the first king of Lý’s dynasty of our country. In 1009, he came to the throne succeeding the Lê’s dynasty and built our country into a strong nation.

After coming to the throne, king Lý Thái Tổ moved his kingdom from Hoa Lư (a region from Ninh Bình) to fort Đại La (known as Hà Nội today). Afterward, the king strenghtened the royal court and the government system, changed taxes to adapt /accord with the life of his people. In his 19 years as a king, Lý Thái Tổ helped people obtaining a peaceful and prosperous life.

From Lý Thái Tổ the throne was handed down 8 times, until Lý Chiêu Hoàng who ceded the throne to the Trần’s dynasty. First kings of Lý’s dynasty like: Lý Thái Tông, Lý Thánh Tông, Lý Nhân Tông all contributed into building a strong nation of Đại Việt, into fighting off Tống enemy, into bringing peace to the people.

In 1028, Lý Thái Tổ passed away at the age of 55. His eldest son who then succeeded the throne was king Lý Thái Tông.