

Flag of Vietnam - A Brief History



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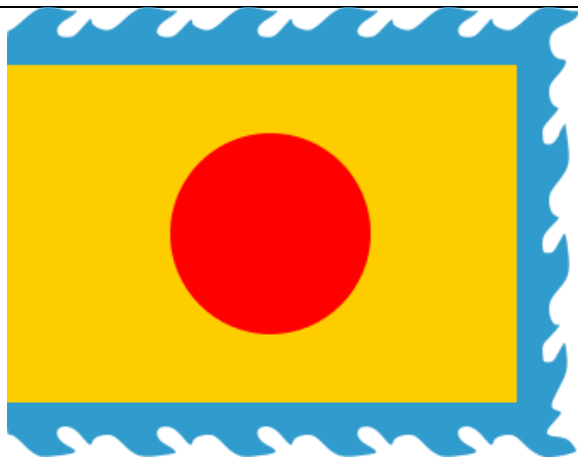
The flag was also flown by the rebels against the French.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	5 th September 1945		
Proportion:	2:3		
Design:	A plain red field with a five-pointed yellow star.		
Colours:	PMS	Red: 1788	Yellow: 116

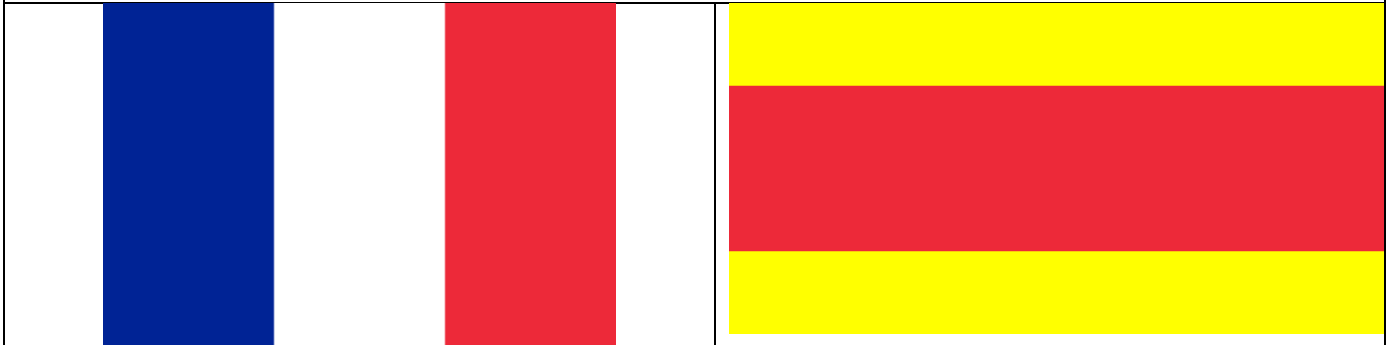
Brief History

One of the first flags flown in Vietnam was that of the Tay Son Dynasty. It features a yellow-bordered red flag with yellow disc in the centre adopted around 1778. When the Nguyen Dynasty took control in 1802 the colours of the flag were changed to a blue-border yellow field and red sun.

	
<p>The Flag of the Tay Son Dynasty (1778 – 1802)</p>	<p>The Flag of Nguyen Dynasty (1802 – 1878)</p>

Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina joined together with Cambodia in 1887 to create French Indochina under French control. The flag flown was the blue-white-red vertical tricolour. The Flag was eventually also the flag of Cochinchina.

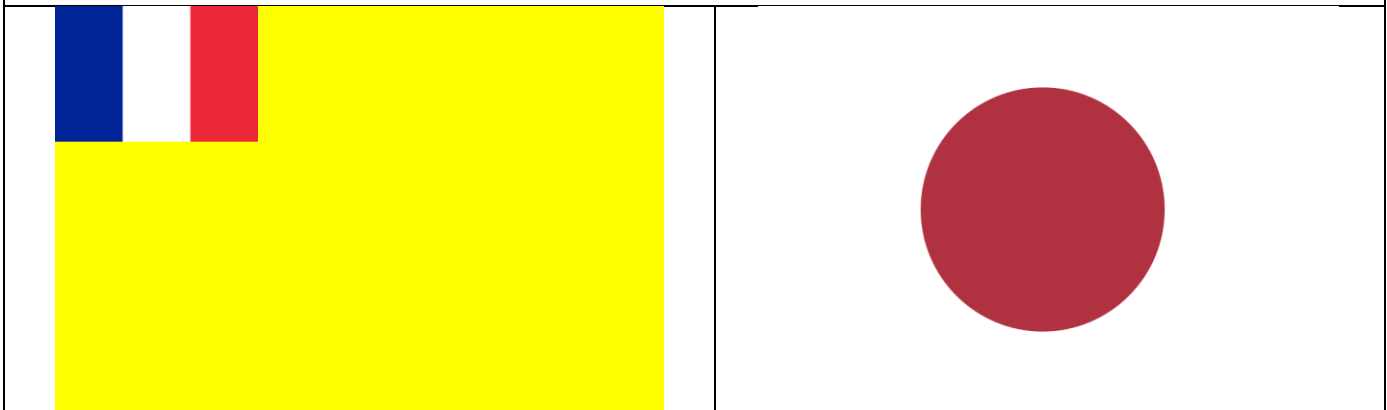
The Flag of the Nguyen Dynasty was changed in 1920 to a yellow field with a thick red vertical stripe running through the centre.



**The Flag of French Indochina
(1887 – 1949)
The Flag of Cochinchina**

**The Flag of the Nguyen Dynasty
(1920 – 1945)**

From 1923 French Indochina also flew the Protectorate Flag made up of a yellow field with the French tricolour flag top left. Japan invaded in 1945 and for a short period of time the white field with red sun was the de-facto flag. When the French gained control again the Protectorate Flag was reinstated.

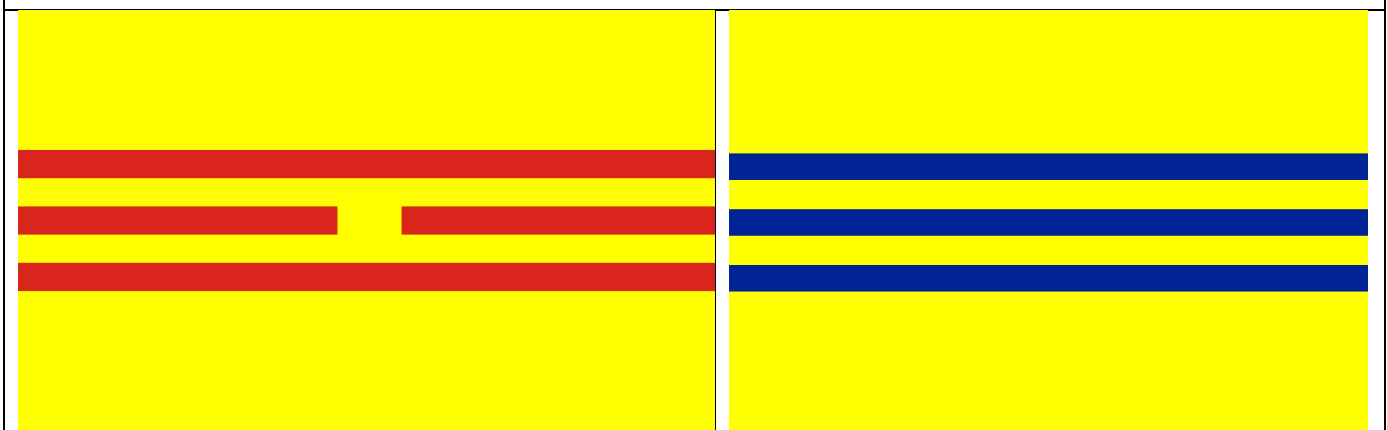


**The Protectorate Flag of French Indochina
(1923 – 1945)
(1945 – 1953)**

**The Flag of the Empire of Japan
(1945)**

Between March 11 and August 1945 Vietnam also became a client state of Japan. The flag adopted with a plain yellow field with three horizontal red stripes, the middle stripe was broken in the centre.

In 1946 the French colony of Cochinchina adopted a yellow flag with three horizontal blue stripes.



**The Flag of the Empire of Vietnam
(1945)**

**The Flag of Cochinchina
(1946 – 1948)**

From the 15th June 1949, the State of Vietnam and from 1955 the renamed South Vietnam adopted a flag with a yellow field with three horizontal red stripes.

A government opposed to the South Vietnamese government was formed in 1969. The flag of that government was a red-blue horizontal bicolour with a large yellow five-pointed star.



**The Flag of the State of Vietnam
(1949 – 1955)
The Flag of South Vietnam
(1955 – 1975)**



**The Flag of the Provisional Revolutionary
Government of the Republic of South Vietnam
(1969 – 1976)**

In 1945 North Vietnam adopted a red flag with large yellow five-pointed star as the flag of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. This flag was flown by the rebels against French rule.

In 1976 North Vietnam joined together with The Socialist Republic of Vietnam the flag remained the same.



**The Flag of North Vietnam
(1945 to 1976)
The Flag of Vietnam
(1976 to Present Day)**







The Emblem of Vietnam

The Emblem of Vietnam was adopted in 1976. It is a red disc inside of which is a cogwheel and five-pointed red stars surrounded by rice corn with a banner stating "THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" underneath.



The Historical Emblems of Vietnam

Below are historical examples of the Emblems of North and South Vietnam.

		
The Emblem of North Vietnam (1955 – 1976)	The Coat of Arms of South Vietnam (1954 – 1955)	The Coat of Arms of South Vietnam (1955 – 1957)
		
The Coat of Arms of South Vietnam (1957 – 1963)	The Coat of Arms of South Vietnam (1963 – 1975)	The Emblem of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam (1969 – 1976)

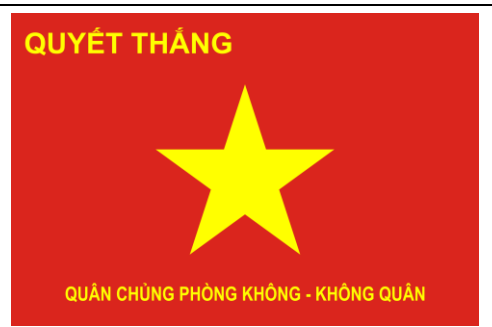
The Flags of the Vietnam Army

The Flags of the Vietnam Army are made up of the national flag with the words “DETERMINED TO WIN” in the upper left.

		
The Flag of Vietnam People's Army (1955 to Present Day)	The Flag of the Vietnam Border Defence Force (1958 to Present Day)	The Flag of the Vietnam Information and Communications Force (1958 to Present Day)

The Flag of the Vietnam People's Air Force

The Flag of the Vietnam people's Air Force was adopted in 1959 and is the national flag with the words “DETERMINED TO WIN” upper left and text saying “VIETNAM PEOPLE'S AIR FORCE” below.



The Flag of the Vietnam People's Air Force

The Flag of the Vietnam People's Navy is a white field with a vertical blue stripe and the Emblem of the Vietnam people's Navy, including a blue anchor, gold star and wreath in the centre.

