

CULTURE - CIVILIZATION: A COMPARISON BETWEEN JAPAN AND VIETNAM

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According to perception of historical area study, civilization and culture should be differentiated clearly. Culture was born in a certain environment to life techniques to respond it. Civilization was formed to over its environmental limits. West Japan and North Vietnam co share same natural environment such as complex of small deltas and mountains under sub-tropical temperature. They belonged to same culture called *shoyojurin* (ever-green broad-leaved forest) *rice cropping culture*. West Japanese traditional culture originated at Yayoi Period is very similar to North Viet culture originated at Dong Son time. Through history, those two cultures with same origin had been influenced deeply by North Chinese Classic Civilization and South Chinese rice cropping culture. Only two peoples in the world namely North Viet and West Japanese formed Dual culture- civilization structure composed of *shoyojurin* rice cropping culture and Chinese culture-civilization complex. To compare historical development of two states, it should be worthy of notice the reason of differences, which occurred in their historical courses based on their same culture-civilization structure.