## Introduction Sukhothai

Sukhothai which literally means "Dawn of Happiness" With as area of 6,596 sq. kms., is about 427 kms. (267 miles) north of Bangkok, and was founded in 1238. Sukhothai was the capital of Thailand for approximately 120 years.

Sukhothai was the first kingdom of the Thais in this peninsula. Two princes-Pho Khun Pha Muang of Muang Rad and Pho Khun Bang Klang Hao of Muang Bangyang combined their forces and fought the Khmers who commanded an extensive empire throughout this part of the world



## Wat Chana Songkhram

Wat Chana Songkhram is situated to the north of Wat Mahathat. Wat Chana Songkhram has a restored. Its main sanctuary is round Singhalese-style chedi. A smaller chedi here dates from the Ayutthaya period. In front of the chedi exists the base of a viharn and behind the former stands an ubosot. Bases of twelve small chedis are also visible. Near the Charot Withi Thong Road is a strange chedi having three bases, one on top of the other.





