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History of Japanese Gardens Part 2

Kamakura period (鎌倉時代) Muromachi period (室町時代) Azuchi-Momoyama period (安土桃山時代)

The Kamakura period (鎌倉時代)

After exploring the great pond gardens of the Heian period, we reach the Kamakura period.

Lets see how the gardens changed in this time of great political changes.

When with Fujiwara Yorimichi the Fujiwara clan began to loose power and the Taira clan gained more, Fujiwara clan and Minamoto clan collaborated against the Taira but lost every fight until Minamoto Yoritomo won during the Genpei war.

This war was fought mainly between the Taira and the Minamoto family. At the end of the war in 1185, Minamoto no Yoritomo received the title of Shogun and established a samurai reign in Kamakura.

In Kamakura period appeared a second great wave of Chinese influence, which

brought the Zen Buddhism to a rise. A first evidence of Zen in Japan is found during the Nara period, but no school was formed. However, it was somehow included into the Tendai School by Dengy Daishi, scholar of Gy hy who learned Chan-Buddhism from the Chinese monk Dao-xuan.



Kamakura period

鎌倉時代 Kamakura-jidai 1185-1336

Dengyō Daishi or Saichō

伝教大師 or 最澄 767 - 822 Founder of the Tendai School. Dengyō Daishi is a posthumous awarded title.

Genpei war

源平合戦 Genpei no kassen 1180-1185