

Summary

This lecture discusses the history of gardens in Japan, types of Japanese garden and garden elements. It begins with the discussion on historical development of gardens in Japan by tracing the characteristics and features of gardens in Japan from the 6th century till the 19th century. Various garden design concepts, styles and strategies such as Kaiyu, Karesansui, Shakkei and Chaniwa are introduced. Next, the following three main types of Japanese gardens are discussed : i) The Landscape Garden with hill and lake; ii) The Level Garden ,and iii) The Tea Garden. Then, various elements in Japanese gardens, specifically, Stone arrangement, Stepping stones & Step stone, Stone water basin, Stone lantern, Fences, Vegetation , Water and Garden bridges, are presented. Subsequently, characteristics and features Zen garden at Ryoanji Temple and Garden at Katsura Imperial Villa are discussed.