STUDY ON THE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE RINZAI ZEN SECT BUDDHIST MONASTERIES IN KYÔTO

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Abstract

In the middle of the 14th century, the Five Temples or Five Mountains (Gozan) of Rinzai Zen sect were developed rapidly in the city of Kyôto. The ranking system of officially sponsored by Zen Buddhist monasteries were created by the Kamakura and Muromachi government. The Gozan system originally included three monasteries in Kyôto and three in Kamakura, but immediately spread to five monasteries in several cities. While the two great monasteries, are not members of the Gozan group, which belonged to the Rinka group of Rinzai Zen sect temples. The system, which corresponds to a Chinese hierarchical model, was established in Japan during the Kamakura period.

The purpose of this study is to attempt to clarify the history and architecture of Rinzai Zen sect Buddhist monastery. The central functioning building of the Zen Buddhist monastery reflects the repetition, consistency, persistence, and order of the monastic ritual.

Keywords

Five Temples, Zen Buddhist, monastery, Rinzai Zen

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Rinzai: Rinzai, one of two major Zen Buddhist sects in Japan; it stresses the abrupt awakening of transcendental wisdom, or enlightenment. Among the methods it practices are shouts (katsu) or blows delivered by the master on the disciple, question-and-answer sessions (mondo), and meditation on paradoxical. Modern Rinzai is divided into 15 subsects. Among its great temples are the Tenryū and the Myōshin temples in Kyōto and the Kenchō and the Engaku temples in Kamakura. See also Sōtō. Keywords: Five Temple, Zen Buddhist, monastery, Rinzai Zen. Antariksa, 2000, Study on the History and Architecture of the Rinzai Zen Sect Buddhist Monasteries in Kyoto, Jurnal Dimensi Teknik Arsitektur, Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Kepada Masyarakat, Universitas Kristen Petra, Vol. 28, No. 1, Juli, hlm. 44-53. ISSN: 0126-219X. Zen Buddhism is syncretism from Taoism and Confucianism.The layout plan of the Zen monastery temple principally was placed on a single axis and facing south. The typical layout plan was borrowed from the architecture of the Chinese monastery. Keywords : Zen Buddhism, syncretism, monastery, arrangement plan. INTRODUCTION. From the references, this study will discuss on the aspects of Zen philosophy and architecture, and even to understand of the Zen monastery arrangement plans. 1 According to the keitoku-dentoroku, Bodhidharma was born in the northern part of India as the third son of a King.