

ABSTRACT

Kashmir, since ancient times has remained as the centre of Buddhism. It has produced many highly meritorious scholars in various fields of education who not only influenced and shaped the course of its inhabitants but also traveled across the world to spread it. One of them is KumaraJiva.

KumaraJiva was a great Buddhist monk, scholar and a translator. His contribution to the Buddhism is great and is known to everybody. In Japan, his translations are accepted as the true translation of the Mahayana Buddhism and the Lotus sutra. KumaraJiva's translation is considered as one of the best and most popular translation. It has a profound influence in the subsequent development of Buddhism in China and Japan. Yuikyo-gyo sutra translated by him in the early 5th century is regarded as one of the best among Chinese sutra translations because of its polished style and excellent wordings. The Zen school in particular values this sutra.

The author will throw light on Kumarajiva's life achievements that are valued in Japan.