We invited Dr. Minako Mizuno Yamanlar, Professor of Ryukoku University, and held a lecture entitled “Culture and Art of Turkey: Aspects of Eastern and Western Cultural Exchanges in Turkey”. She discoursed on Turkey’s various culture and art from the three main aspects of “Culture and Art in Anatolia Seljuk Age”, “Culture and Art of Ottoman Empire”, and “Exchanges between Japan and Turkey”.

In the first part, “Culture and Art in Anatolia Seljuk Age”, various civilizations in Anatolia peninsula were introduced. Formation of Iran Seljuk and Anatolia Seljuk by Turkish people, Konya, a former capital’s various art like mosaic tile, brick, letters or pattern, pottery, carpet, wood carving, etc. were also explained.

In the second part, “Culture and Art of Ottoman Empire”, history of Ottoman Empire, as well as interior and ambience of Topkapi Palace and class system in the court, was introduced. Portrait or illustration, flower pattern, ceramics from China, and Ottoman culture and art as represented by hamam, coffee, and foods, were also explained.

In the third part, “Exchanges between Japan and Turkey”, Japanese who had visited Turkey, well-known Ertugrul Frigate disaster, and Otani Kozui, who was the first to actively develop a joint enterprise were introduced. History on exhibition of Turkish art and future ways of exchanges between Japan and Turkey were also commented on.

We appreciated the lecture given in a very comprehensive manner by the researcher who is actively at work of history of art and culture of Islam. It was a valuable opportunity for us.