Chapter 2
Provisions concerning Slovak Benefits

Article 18
Totalization of Periods of Coverage

When periods of coverage have been completed under the legislation of both Contracting States, the competent institution of the Slovak Republic shall, in determining eligibility for benefits under the legislation of the Slovak Republic, take into account also periods of coverage under the legislation of Japan insofar as they do not overlap with periods of coverage under the legislation of the Slovak Republic unless otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Article 19
Calculation of Benefits

1. If the conditions for entitlement to benefits under the legislation of the Slovak Republic are satisfied without applying the provisions of Article 18, the competent institution of the Slovak Republic shall determine the benefits on the basis of the periods of coverage completed exclusively under its legislation.

2. If the right to benefits under the legislation of the Slovak Republic can be acquired only after applying the provisions of Article 18, the competent institution of the Slovak Republic shall:

(a) calculate the theoretical amount of the benefit which could have been claimed, provided that all periods of coverage had been completed exclusively under the legislation of the Slovak Republic; and

(b) then, on the basis of the theoretical amount calculated in accordance with subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, determine the amount of the benefit payable by applying the ratio of the duration of the periods of coverage completed under the legislation of the Slovak Republic to the total periods of coverage referred to in subparagraph (a).

3. For calculation of the benefit, the competent institution of the Slovak Republic shall take into account only the income earned during the periods of coverage completed under the legislation of the Slovak Republic.

4. If the competent institution of the Slovak Republic can calculate the amount of benefit only with respect to periods of coverage obtained according to the legislation of the Slovak Republic, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article shall not be applied.

Article 20
Special Provision

A person whose disability began while he or she was a dependent or a regular doctoral studies student under age of 26, and whose disability claim is established without the requirement that he or she performs work activity to obtain periods of coverage, may establish eligibility for disability benefits under the legislation of the Slovak Republic on the condition that such person permanently resides in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

PART IV
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 21
Administrative Collaboration

1. The competent authorities of both Contracting States shall:

(a) agree on the administrative arrangements necessary for the implementation of this Agreement;

(b) designate liaison agencies for the implementation of this Agreement; and

(c) communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about changes to their respective legislation insofar as those changes affect the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The competent authorities and competent institutions of both Contracting States, within the scope of their respective authorities, shall provide any assistance necessary for the implementation of this Agreement. This assistance shall be provided free of charge.