2. The competent institution of the Philippines shall not apply paragraph 1 of this Article if a person, in the calculation of the amount of benefits, has sufficient periods of coverage to satisfy the requirements for entitlement to benefits under its legislation.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the total duration of the periods of coverage accumulated by a person under the legislation of the Philippines is less than one year, the competent institution of the Philippines shall not apply paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. If a person is not entitled to a benefit solely on the basis of the periods of coverage completed under the legislation of the Philippines, but is entitled to the benefit through the application of paragraph 1 of this Article, the competent institution of the Philippines shall calculate the amount of the benefit payable to that person in the following manner:

(a) It shall first determine the amount of the minimum benefit which would be payable under the legislation of the Philippines solely on the basis of the minimum periods of coverage required under that legislation;

(b) It shall then multiply the amount of the minimum benefit by the fraction which represents the ratio of the periods of coverage actually completed under the legislation of the Philippines, in relation to the minimum periods of coverage required under that legislation.

PART IV
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 17
Administrative Collaboration

1. The competent authorities of both Contracting States shall:

(a) agree on the administrative measures 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.

Article 18
Charges or Fees and Legalization

1. Insofar as the legislation and other relevant laws and regulations of a Contracting State contain provisions on an exemption or reduction of administrative charges or consular fees for documents to be submitted under the legislation of that Contracting State, those provisions shall also apply to documents to be submitted in the application of this Agreement and the legislation of the other Contracting State.

2. Documents which are presented for the purpose of this Agreement and the legislation of a Contracting State shall not require legalization or any other similar formality by diplomatic or consular authorities.

Article 19
Communication

1. In implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities and competent institutions of both Contracting States may communicate directly in Japanese, English or Filipino language with each other and with any concerned person wherever the person may reside.

2. In implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities and competent institutions of a Contracting State may not reject applications or any other documents for the reason that they are written in the language of the other Contracting State.