

**Who are they?**  
Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi (Children without Borders)

**Where are they?**  
Tokyo, Japan

**What do they do?**  
Supporting under-privileged children and youth in Asia with educational programs

**How big are they?**  
9 full-time staff

**What did they receive?**  
Adobe CS4 Design Premium; Microsoft Office 2007

**The outcome?**  
Smooth back-office operations and beautifully designed brochure, poster, and catalog

Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi (Children without Borders) has been providing educational programs to support disadvantaged children and youth mainly in Southeast Asia. It also supports children and youth affected by natural disasters and regional conflicts.

In the Tokyo office, about 10 staff members and volunteers work in a two-story high rise.

Mr. Kyo Shimizu, the public relations officer, takes care of the computer network in the office. Through TechSoup Japan, the organization was able to acquire donations of 15 Microsoft Office 2007 licenses and Adobe CS4 Design Premium software. Mr. Shimizu said that the organization had been using old software versions for quite a long time. He thought it was time to upgrade because the versions were getting more advanced every year, which was causing trouble, especially when exchanging files externally. “We’d like to invest our money in projects and in the field as much as possible. Being able to receive donated software in such large quantities is such a blessing for us.”

The donated software helped the organization on more than just the financial level.

Mr. Shimizu has seen that the new software made the office work more efficient.

“We are using Office 2007 for our daily office work. I especially like Outlook 2007. I noticed that it starts up much quicker than the older software we were using and it is stable.”

Notably, Mr. Shimizu is already fully enjoying the various benefits of Adobe CS4. Showing a beautifully-designed brochure, poster, and catalog created with the newly-acquired CS4, he said: “I’m using Illustrator for posters and brochure design, InDesign for the layouts, and Dreamweaver for our website.”



Brochure and catalog designed with CS4



Mr. Shimizu with the poster he designed

Pointing to the catalog, he said: “Every year, we hold a photo exhibition of children from the villages we support to raise awareness in Japan. This year, we had an exhibition<sup>1</sup> about Bangladeshi children because the country was severely damaged by a big cyclone. I made this catalog after the exhibition, using CS4.”

Mr. Shimizu continued: “After learning more about Adobe Flash, I’d like to create a photo gallery on our website so

that people who couldn’t come to the exhibition can see the images. That’s my future project.” His projects abound. “In the near future, I’ll design our next annual report using CS4. Designing it ourselves will save us a lot of money, and this professional software makes it all possible.”

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.knk.or.jp/japan/com/event/2009/sirius\\_f/2009\\_sirius\\_bangla.html](http://www.knk.or.jp/japan/com/event/2009/sirius_f/2009_sirius_bangla.html)