

Tokyo, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our teams in Bangladesh and in Japan, and moreover of our children in Dhaka, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your kind support.

Education is essential for children and youth, as well as for adults I think, to grow, to become responsible citizens, to understand and to accept each other.

In most of the cases, education is provided by family, teachers and community.

In some cases, unfortunately, children may be on their own, to survive and to fight for life.

They are street children, working children, trafficked children, or, more simply, poor and vulnerable children.

By chance or by design, children may meet people of goodwill, like your association, SmallWorld or like us, KnK Japan.

That help might change deeply their lives. For a few months, a few years, they will be able to meet our educators, to spend some time everyday in a safe place and to receive much more than education, which are understanding, respect and affection.

Let me introduce myself so that you will understand how much I appreciate your support.

Before creating KnK (Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi, or Children without Borders) in Japan,

I spent 20 years of my life in another non-governmental organization, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF, Doctors without Borders).

Based in Paris, I was mandated by our Directors to implement MSF in the United Arab Emirates. I visited many times to your Country between 1991 and 1994.

I had the honor and the pleasure to visit the seven Emirates and to pay my respect to the Sheikhs of each of them.

In that time I did ask your Minister of Education to kindly accept to become MSF's Patron.

His Excellency, Sheikh Al Nahyan, generously accepted and received me shortly in his Diwan.

I met many friends in your country. They are still in my heart.

Someday surely I will have opportunity to visit your country again. I will then visit you with pleasure. Be sure that the pleasure will be even more if you have time to visit us in Tokyo.

With my respect and gratitude,

Dominique Léguillier  
Executive Director, KnK Japan

