

**SOTOKOTO PICTURES, INC AND THE CENTRAL PA FILM OFFICE
ANNOUNCE FEATURE FILM TO SHOOT IN WILLIAMSPORT**

Japanese Film Hiring Crew and Extras

Williamsport, PA August 4, 2009 –Los Angeles filmmaker Sotokoto Pictures, Inc and the Central Pennsylvania Film Office (CPFO) announced today filming will commence on a feature film in Williamsport this month. “Bokudachi No Play Ball” will be shot on location throughout the area later this month.

Film Producer Hye-Young Choi said, “We chose Williamsport because it is the legendary home of Little League. The movie is about a boy who plays on a Japanese Little League team who dreams about going to the Little League World Series. We want Japanese kids to see where Little League first started and inspire them to play ball.” In addition, Choi said that 30 – 50 crew members will be hired along with over 100 extras.

This is the first feature film secured by the CPFO since its inception in November 2008. “We are excited by the possibilities this presents our area. It gives folks temporary work and future filmmakers a chance to see the process up close,” said CPFO Film Commissioner Lorena Beniquez.

Over one hundred extras are now being sought to shoot a baseball game scene on August 27. Adults and children are needed. There is no pay. Those interested in participating can email name, phone number and email address to playballthemovie@yahoo.com. Please do not submit headshots or resumes.

“Bokudachi No Play Ball” will be shot entirely in Japanese and distributed in Japan. The family movie tells the story of boys and girls on a Japanese Little League team, along with their families, who dream of making it to the Little League World Series. In addition, the plot chronicles one father’s dream of playing pro-ball in America.

The film will feature Japanese stars Eisaku Yoshida, Michiko Hada and Yuki Kohara.

The CPFO is a non-profit organization working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Film Office. The CPFO’s mission is to act as an economic development generator fostering filmmaking in the region.

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