Working with Asian Customers and suppliers

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Agenda

- I. Basic Knowledge and Problems om
Asian Language Projects20'
- 2. Suppliers in Asian Markets 10'

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3. Questions



Dialects of Chinese



Major Dialects of Chinese

Dialect	Chinese Name	% Population*
Mandarin	普通话	74.8
Wu	吴语	8.0
Yue (Cantonese)	广东话(粤语)	4.8
Xiang	湖南话	4.0
Southern Min	闽南话	2.7
Northern Min	闽北话	1.0
Hakka	客家话	2.7
Gan	江西话	2.0

February 2, 1956, -A Scheme for the Simplification of Chinese Characters (汉字简化方案).

- Table I : 352 simplified characters that cannot be used as radicals.
- Table 2 : 132 simplified characters that can be used as radicals,
 - plus 14 simplified radicals.
- Table 3 : 1,754 characters

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- total number of 2,236 characters.



 In 1977, the Chinese government published the Second Scheme for the Simplification of Chinese Characters. Table 1 contained 248 characters. Table 2 included 605 simplified characters and 61 simplified radicals. However, since the simplification was so extreme, it met with strong resistance from the society. On June 24, 1986, that second scheme was rescinded. Later in 1986, the first scheme was republished with a few words in the tables adjusted. As a result, the total number of simplified characters now stands at 2,235.

Simplified/Traditional vs. Madarin/Cantonese

Target Market	Spoken (Interpreting)	Written (Translation)
Mainland China	Mandarin	Simplified
Taiwan	Mandarin or Taiwanese*	Traditional
Hong Kong	Cantonese**	Traditional
Singapore	Mandarin	Simplified
Others including USA	Mandarin/ Cantonese***	Traditional

- * Mandarin is the official language in school and broadcasting, but Southern Min--often called "Taiwanese"--is commonly used in conversation. So, if an interpreting client is a businessperson going to Taiwan, he or she will need a Mandarin interpreter, but if your client is an elderly person from Taiwan, you should confirm whether he/she speaks Mandarin or Taiwanese.
- ** Mandarin is increasingly prevalent, subsequent to Hong Kong's return to Chinese control.
- *** A large percentage of Chinese immigrants came from a region where Cantonese is the spoken dialect. Still, Mandarin is regarded as "standard." However, one should not send materials for the American market to translators in China, since they will not understand the idioms and common expressions that are used only in the USA. This is particularly true in the context of insurance, social security and education.

•Mandarin:

1 普通话 (Used in China, Referring only to spoken language)

2 国语 (Used in Taiwan. In Taiwan, this term refers not only to the spoken language but also to the written Traditional Chinese language)

3 北京官话 (Old translation that was in use about 100 years ago.)

•Chinese:

中文 (The Chinese Language, The language of 中国)
汉语 (Language of the Han Nationality. 95% of Chinese are of Han Nationality, then there are 55 more other minority nationality.)

Proper Name Translations

 "The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kou-ke-la(蝌蚪啃蜡). Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means "bite the wax tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax" depending on the dialects" There are hundreds of different ways an English name can be translated into Chinese. But only a carefully selected
 Chinese name will win respect

English	Chinese	
Coca cola	可口可乐	
Pepsi	百事可乐	
McDonald	麦当劳	
mega mart	每家玛	
HP	惠普	
Microsoft.	微软	
Adidas	阿迪达斯	
Nike	耐克	



Japan

- The perfectionists
- How to say vs.what to say
- Manga(Cartoon) Culture



No I Tip for Japanese Projects!

Korea - Troubles

- North, South and Chinese Korean
- Honorifics, omissions and locations in the sentence

Korean - Market

- Testing Beds
 - Small country
 - Best Infrastructure
 - Well educated early adaptors.
 - Otaku, or Mania culture- very responsive audience
 - Influence to Other Asian Country Culture

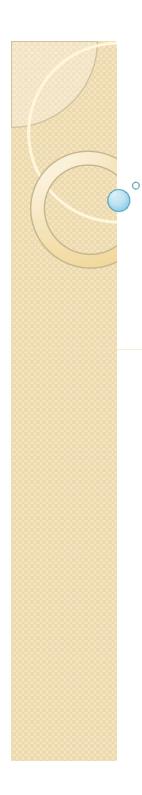
Future of Asian Market

- Thai
- Vietnamese
- Indonesian
- Malay
- Tagalog
- Cambodian
- Lao



Thai

• Floating Accent Problem in Indesign Mac.



Malaysia

Good Infrastructure Good English command Good for center for SE Asian Languages- Thai too. Similar to Indonesian



Indonesia

- 4th Population in the world
- Very limited Infrastructure
- Good Emerging Market
- Good English Resources
 - Higher cost than Thai and China



Vietnamese

- Emerging Market
- 85% of populations are under 35
- Good in testing
- Problem with Fonts and encoding
- North or South!



Vendors in Asia



China

- Becoming Development Center
- Hub for Asian Languages
- Big Resource pool

Туре	Size	Good	Bad
Boutique Tr. House	3~20	Specialty Marketing Finance/ Banking IT/ LION Technical	Capacity Reliability TM enabled
Local MLV vendors	10~200	Experience in TM	Limited to IT/Internet Limited Project Management
Local MLV offices	10~100	Reliable Much Experience	High Cost Limited In-house Limited in Testing/Engineerin g Limited Subjects
Local Agencies	5~300	Many in-house Wide Subject Wide Languages Low Cost	No TM exp. Not reliable
Big SI companies	10K and above	Good Engineering	Limited Subjects



Japan

- Good Local Companies
 - Specialized in Subjects
 - Reliable
 - Good Quality
- Hard to work with
 - Cost
 - Turn around Time/ Capacity
 - Into English
- Some located in USA and Canada



Korea

- No Big local Companies
- Biggest are less than 50 people
- Reliable and hard working



Others

- Not many Choices
- Reliability- Last Minutes AWOL
- Technical Issues
- Mac troubles

Working With Asian Vendors

Know your needs

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- •Do your homework
- •Check the ability and capacity
- •Participate in the process



Summaries

- Dialects of Chinese
- Proper Name translations in Chinese
- Tip for Japanese Jobs
- Opportunities in SE Asian Countries
- Into English Participate

Buying Products vs. Buying Service

Client :

How long will it take to translate 400 words?

Translator :

About a week.

Client :

Whole week for just 400 words? God created the world in 6 days. Translator :

Then just take a look at this world and afterwards take a look at my translation.

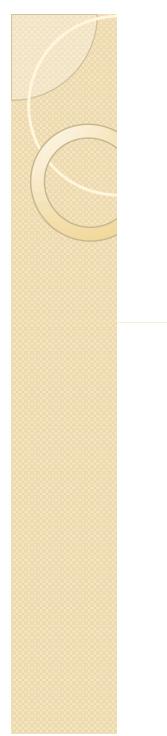
3. Some Common Problems

- In a Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.
- In a Bangkok dry cleaner's: Drop your trousers here for best results.
- In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.



Into English Translations

- Not enough resources
- Native English speakers also has problems



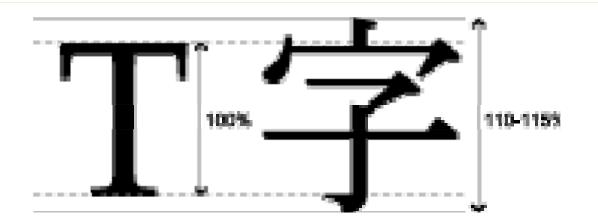
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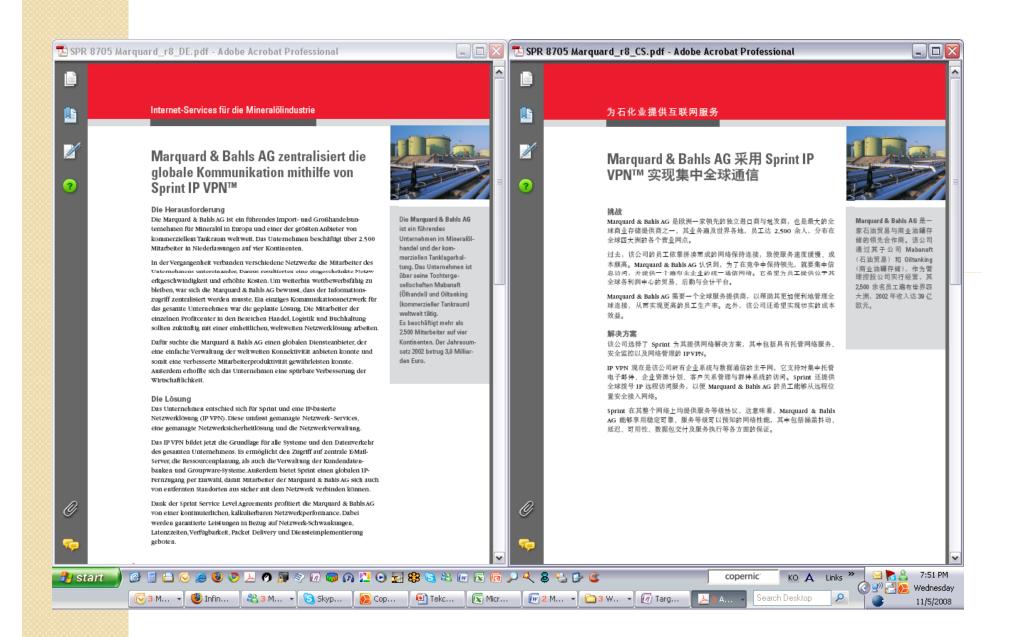
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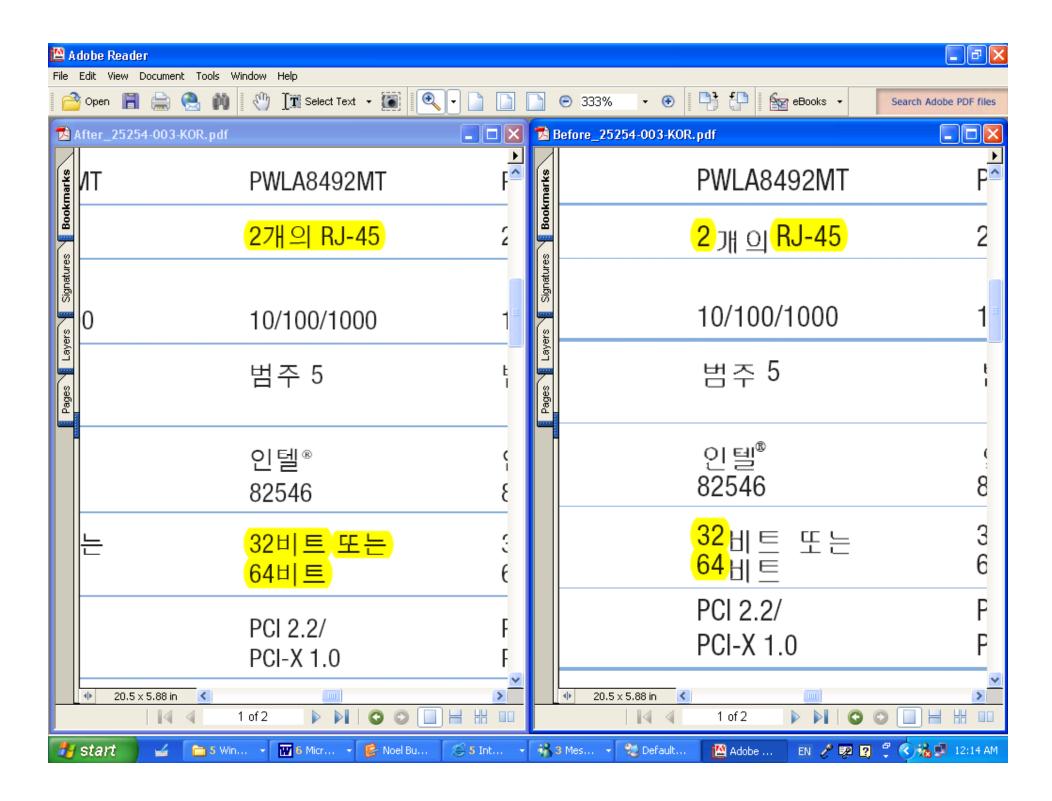


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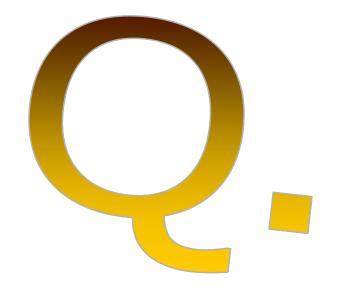


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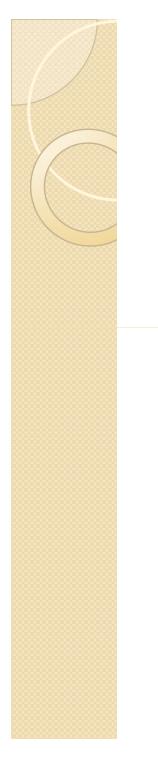
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4 points to check Asian DTP Quality

- Baseline
- Font embedded or bitmap?
- Justified Alignment
- Used original English characters for English Alphabet and numbers



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