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'

15'

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 On June 24, 1986, that second scheme was rescinded.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.

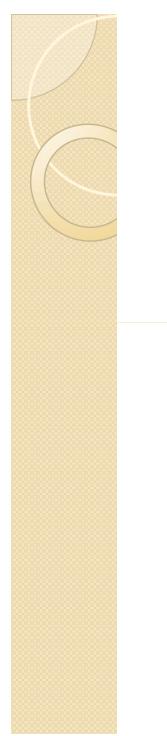
3. Some Common Problems

- 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



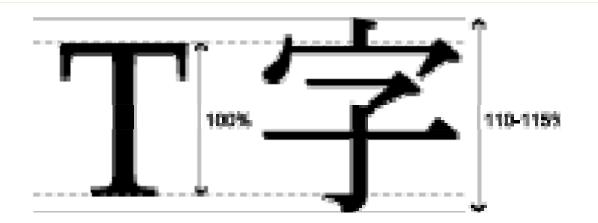
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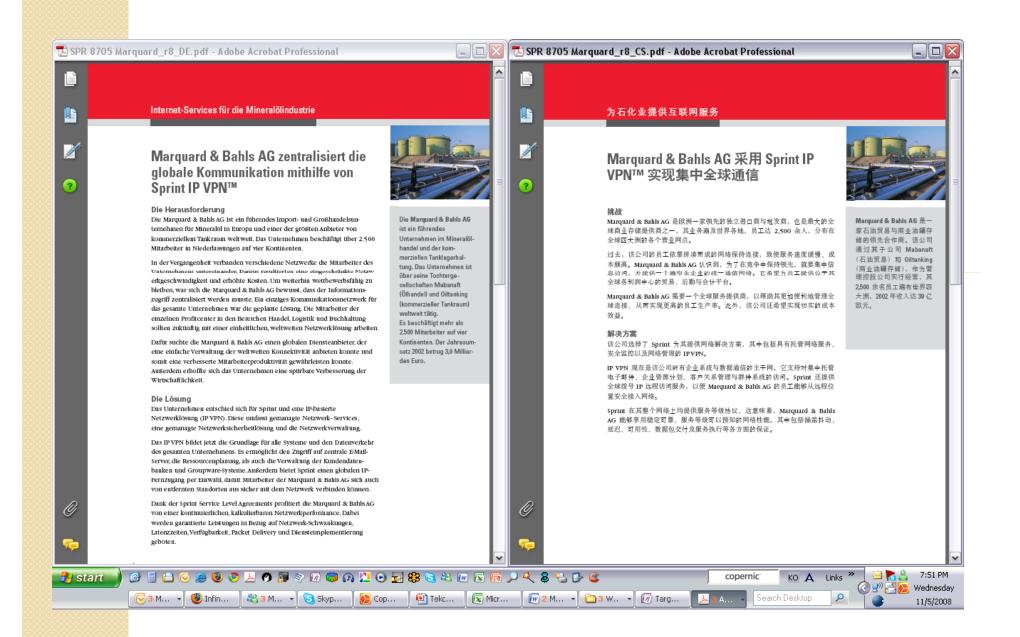
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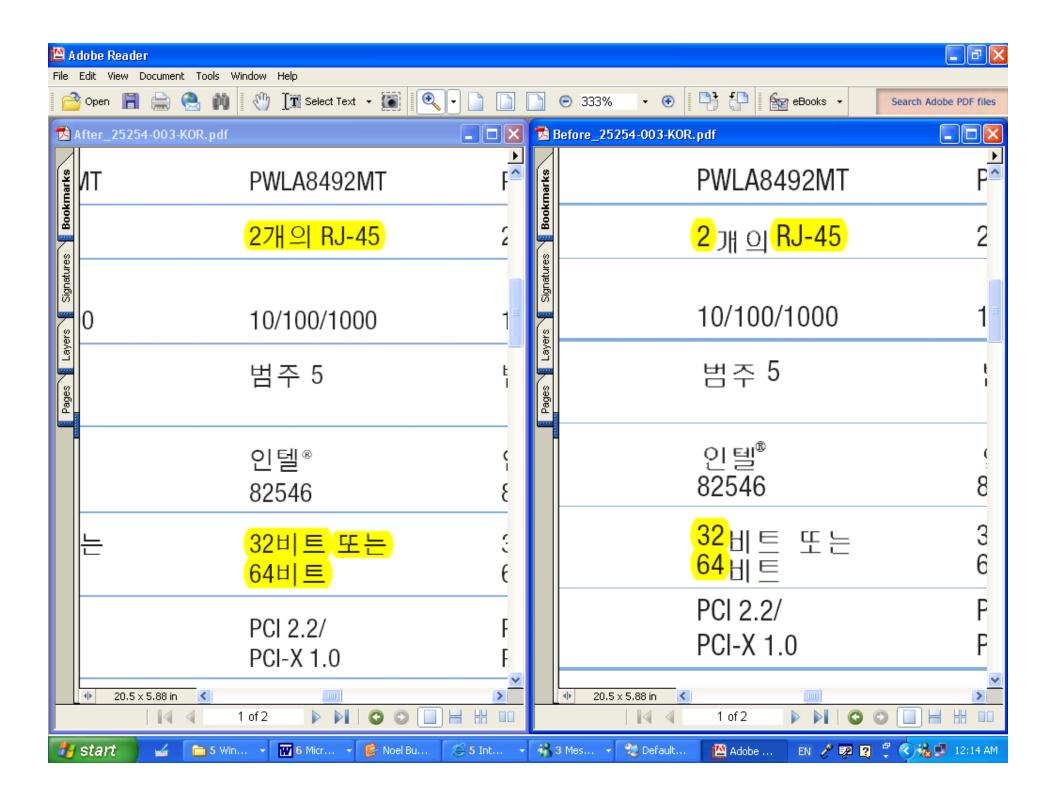


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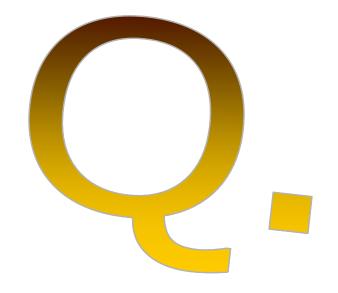


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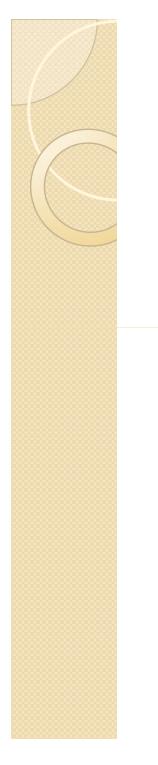
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4 points to check Asian DTP Quality

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



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