



The Year AI Got Banned

What 12 months of Asian localization operations actually looked like

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Three insights from Asian-language production

Where the billable work went in 2025–2026

01

Clients stopped buying words. They buy accountability

Jobs split into specialized multi-step workflows and tiny tasks: no minimum fees, hourly budgets, AI steps at half rate. Value moved to the sign-off.

ACCOUNTABILITY

02

AI disclosure is now a contract clause

Defense, export-controlled, patient-facing and legal content stays human-only, and buyers ask for proof.

COMPLIANCE

03

Arbitrating AI output is the next level of editing

Accept, reject, explain why, and feed that judgment back into the prompt.

JUDGMENT



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AI isn't shrinking an LSP's billable work. It's relocating it.

Away from raw production, toward what AI can't self-certify:

accountability · compliance · judgment

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