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《领先商务英语阅读》以最新颁布的《高等学校商务英语专业教学要求(试行)》为指导,在编写过程中本着"突出跨文化商务交际能力的培养"的原则,在课文素材上进行了认真的遴选。课文全部来自国外原版专业著作、报刊、杂志及网络等。通过"商务文化热门话题"、"著名商务企业介绍"、"经、管、法基本知识"和"名人轶事"等内容给学生在学习语言的同时提供更多的机会了解商务方面的相关知识。每册课文的内容根据不同的模块,从易到难、循序渐进排列。同时,每册的语言技能训练和商务文化知识按不同比例分配于各册:第一册70%:30%;第二册40%:60%;第三册50%:50%;第四册30%;70%。

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Text A

China Goes Global

Russell Flannery

In two years' time, China's household appliance¹ market is expected to exceed the U.S.' white-goods² business in volume — 55 million units versus 51 million. The market leader in China by a long shot is Haier Group³. Based in the eastern port city of Qingdao, Haier accounted for more than a quarter of China's appliance sales last year. Add its fast-growing foreign operations and Haier's revenues hit nearly \$5 billion last year — up 51% from 1999 — making it the world's sixth-biggest maker of large white goods. A few years ago, Haier won another kind of accolade when it became one of the first mainland companies to be featured in a case study at Harvard's business school⁴.

by a long shot 绝对地;毋庸置疑 地

revenue n. 收入; 收益; 财政收入

accolade n. 赞扬; 表扬; 奖励; 奖 赏; 荣誉 Beyond its own standing and success, Haier is important because it offers an insight into the changes washing across the Chinese economy. Haier's arrival as a serious brand player in the global appliance business—it has plants in 13 countries and sells its products in more than 160—signals that the **initial** phase of market economic reforms⁵ in China's once-closed economy are nearing an end. Winning domestic brands, such as Haier and the computer maker Legend⁶, will increasingly turn outward for growth, as they face the prospect of more foreign competition on their own turf following China's admission into the World Trade Organization⁷.

initial adj. 最初的; 开头的

turf n. 地盘;势力范围

"China's entry into the WTO will dramatically change the business landscape in an economy that the world is counting on for growth in the coming years." says Ming-Jer Chen⁸, a Chinese management expert, a business professor at the University of Virginia⁹ and the author of a new book, *Inside Chinese Business*¹⁰. "Because of its size and large range of products it sells, Haier is going to be at or near the center of what's happening in China's economy. In other words, what they do will have a big impact on foreign companies that are looking to succeed in China. With Haier, they will find a company whose approach is sophisticated and whose leadership is energetic."

dramatically *adv*. 喜剧地;引人注 目地

landscape n. 风景; 景色; 风景 画; 风景照

Competitive pressure in China's home appliance market—where the **bulk** of Haier's sales came from last year—is only going to intensify. The company has to find ways to lower its manufacturing costs while squeezing more profit out of its huge distribution network¹¹.

bulk n. (巨大) 物体; 主体; 绝大

Haier has more than 30% of the small-refrigerator market in the U.S. — will also test the Chinese company's management ability. Haier is determined to keep growing: The company said in July that it would inject assets from a mobile-phone joint venture into a Hong Kong listed company that's been renamed Haier-CCT Holdings¹². Haier could end up with more than 40% of the Hong Kong company and use it as a channel to raise

inject v. 注射; 注入

money for investments and elevate its international profile.

The guiding genius behind Haier's success is its chief executive officer, Zhang Ruimin, whose management theories are influenced by ancient Chinese philosophy. The fruits of Zhang's success are apparent all over Qingdao, a city of about 7 million people. Today Haier advertisements line the sidewalks of the city's prosperous shopping districts. Its philanthropy funds schools, and its industrial muscle is on display in an area along the city's Haier Road. Haier's history is enshrined in the Haier Technology Museum, open last year in a booming area of eastern Qingdao that was farmland only a few years ago.

Zhang, 52, made his mark in the mid-1980s when as a senior manager he took a sledgehammer to defective refrigerators in front of a group of workers at what was then known as the Qingdao Refrigerator Factory. His point: to emphasize the importance of quality. He's since refined an approach that pressures laggards to improve. Today Haier and its affiliates control more than 30% of China's refrigerator, washing machine and freezer markets. The company is also a big maker of TV sets, air conditioners and mobile phones. At an international appliance exhibition in Qingdao in June, it complemented its lines of white goods with a big push into new "black goods" — electronics products such as PC peripherals. Among Haier's other businesses: a restaurant chain and Haier Brothers cartoons.

Seated in a conference room, Zhang is upbeat about Haier's business outlook this year — a marked contrast to the attitude of many appliance makers elsewhere. He aims to expand sales this year by 50%, to \$7.5 billion and he still wants Haier to become one of the world's 500-largest companies¹³ by the middle of the decade. He expects much of this year's growth to come from overseas sales, including the U.S.

Yet Zhang also says that he is altering some of the strategies

elevate v. 提高; 提升

philanthropy n. 博爱; 慈善活动; 慈善事业 display n. 展示; 陈列 enshrine v. 放置或保存某物于… booming adj. 迅速发展; 繁荣昌 盛的

sledgehammer n. (有长柄的) 大锤

laggard n. 迟钝懒散者; 涣散的 机构

affiliate n. 附属企业; 分公司

peripheral n. (计算机的) 外围设备; 周边设备

that worked in the past. Domestic acquisitions14 that fueled Haier's rapid growth in the past in the 1980s and 1990s, for instance, are now poised to slow. Instead, Zhang says that Haier is learning from such companies as Nike¹⁵ and Dell¹⁶ and wants to increase outsourcing. He also spoke of more aggressively tapping alliances with foreign companies to keep up with new technology. In another change, Haier's leader says that he wants to generate more growth from services. In particular, Zhang wants to take advantage of Haier's big distribution network — as many as 16,000 trucks in China move Haier products every day. This year Haier for the first time has begun distributing foreign products, a business that he expects will expand more quickly after China enters the WTO. "Foreign companies tend to need help with distribution," he says, adding that he is considering a domestic stock listing of its distribution unit. Zhang also disclose that Haier is in talks with potential local and foreign partners to invest in a new field: financial services, including a bank and insurance company. Overseas expansion, meanwhile, will continue — Zhang is on the lookout to buy plants. In June he picked up one in Italy for \$8 million.

What home appliance makers need, says Zhang, is more innovations. "Home appliances are becoming more like IT [information technology] products, and IT products will become more like appliances," he says. Haier displays at Qingdao's trade show in June highlighted the company's mobile phones. Another display showed how consumers could monitor their home's appliances by the internet. Haier held a joint press conference with Ericsson¹⁷ in June to illustrate how the Chinese company plans to incorporate the European company's Bluetooth wireless technology¹⁸ in its own appliances.

The partnership with Ericsson is expected by Zhang to be one of many. "Things are different today from the traditional economy. Then companies all had their own researchers. Now that's not as necessary," he says. "I can form an alliance with Ericsson for Bluetooth technology. Tomorrow I can work

poised adj. 处于…状态

tap v. 利用; 开发; 发掘

with Motorola. Two days from now I can work with Nokia." The alliances offset one of Haier's shortcomings, a lack of homegrown R&D¹⁹.

offset v. 抵消;补偿

Overseas Haier has used tactics different from those used by most Chinese exporters that compete on price, focus on contract manufacturing and start in less affluent markets overseas. For starters, Haier sells products mostly under its own brand. It also has manufacturing sites in countries with widely different living standards. And it adapts its products to local tastes. In the U.S. one of Haier's best-selling new products last year was a refrigerator designed for wine, an idea refined by Haier America's president, Michael Jemal. Last year Haier sold 25,000; this year it expects the figure to increase fourfold. "This is an example of how we can grow and avoid price competition: by coming up with products that others companies don't have." Jemal says.

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Notes to the Text

- —**①**—— household appliance: 家用电器。
- ——2— white-goods: 白色商品;大件家用电器。
- —3— Haier Group: 海尔集团。
 - Harvard's business school: 哈佛商学院。 建于1908年的哈佛商学院是美国培养企业人才的最著名的学府,被美国人称为 是商人、主管、总经理的西点军校,美 国许多大企业家和政治家都在这里学习 过。在美国最大的500家公司里担任最 高职位的经理中,有1/5毕业于这所学 院。哈佛工商管理硕士学位 (Master of Business Administration, 简称MBA) 成 了权力与金钱的象征,是许多美国青年 梦寐以求的学位。
- **5** market economic reforms: 市场经济 改革。

- 一6 Legend: 原意为传说。在此指联想集团的前公司标志。2004年,联想公司正式从"Legend"更名为"Lenovo"。主要原因是全球化的结果,因为legend是一个英文单词,跟很多国家的产品有冲突。所以新创造一个单词,赋予她意义,并且世界各地的域名可以一次性注册不会重复。
- **7** World Trade Organization: 世界貿易组织。
- Ming-Jer Chen: 陈明哲。全球著名企业 竞争战略专家,美国管理学会战略分会 主席,世界顶级学术刊物《管理评论》 副总编。
- University of Virginia: 弗吉尼亚大学。 由时任美国第3任总统的托马斯・杰斐

逊于1819年创建。该校是一所全美最优 秀的高等学府之一。

- Inside Chinese Business: 《中国经商 指南》。
- distribution network: 分销网络
- Haier-CCT Holdings: 海尔中建。香港 证券交易所上市公司, 后被海尔集团注 资,海尔集团成为控股股东。这样海尔 集团借壳海尔中建在香港上市。
- 500-largest companies: 世界500强企 业。"世界500强"是国人对美国《财 富》杂志每年评选的"全球最大五百家 公司"排行榜的一种约定俗成的叫法。 《财富》杂志还评选"美国最大五百家 公司"(也称为"财富五百强")、美国和 全球最受赞赏的公司、美国青年富豪榜 排行榜、全球商界最具权势25位企业家 等一系列排名。同时,《财富》杂志还 举办"《财富》全球论坛", 目前已经在 中国上海、香港和北京举办过三届。
- domestic acquisitions: 国内收购。
- Nike: 耐克。总部位于美国俄勒冈州 Beaverton的耐克公司是全球著名的体育

- 用品制造商。该公司生产的体育用品包 罗万象: 服装、鞋类、运动器材等等。
- Dell: 戴尔。戴尔公司于1984年由迈克 尔·戴尔创立。总部设在德克萨斯州 奥斯汀 (Austin) 的戴尔公司是全球领 先的IT产品及服务提供商,其业务包 括帮助客户建立自己的信息技术及互 联网基础架构。
- -Ericsson: 爱立信公司。 (Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson). 1876年成立于瑞典的斯德哥尔摩。从 早期生产电话机、电话交换机发展到今 天,爱立信的业务已遍布全球140多个 国家, 是全球领先的提供端到端全面通 信解决方案以及专业服务的供应商。
- Bluetooth wireless technology: 蓝牙无线 科技。1998年2月,5个跨国大公司,包 括爱立信、诺基亚、IBM、东芝及Intel 组成了一个特殊兴趣小组(SIG),他 们共同的目标是建立一个全球性的小范 围无线通信技术, 即现在的蓝牙。
- R&D: research and development (产品 等的)研究和开发。

Exercises

- I. Decide whether each of the following statements is true, false or not given. Write T at the end of the statement if you think it is true, F if you think it is false and N if you think the information is not given in the text.
 - 1. As one of the first mainland companies to be featured in a case study at Harvard's business school, Haier Group is likely to cause controversial opinions on its' reputation.
 - 2. The fact that Haier has plants in 13 countries and sells its products in more than 160 regions signals the success of market economic reforms in China.
 - 3. The world economic situation will change tremendously due to China's entry into the WTO.

- 4. Zhang Ruimin is a senior manager in Haier now.
- 5. Zhang Ruimin adopted sophisticated management styles in achieving such a big success.
- 6. Haier grows rapidly by coming up with products that others don't have.
- II. For each of the following questions, choose the most appropriate answer based on your understanding of the text.
 - 1. The passage mainly talks about
 - A. Zhang Ruimin's management theories
 - B. Haier's process of globalization
 - C. Haier's gains and loss to its success
 - D. Business and management
 - 2. What is not the reason that Haier is important?
 - A. It is outstanding and successful.
 - B. It offers an insight into the changes washing across the Chinese economy.
 - C. It has a large number of employees.
 - D. A and B
 - 3. Zhang Ruimin took a sledgehammer to defective refrigerators in front of a group of workers to
 - A. emphasize the importance of teamwork
 - B. emphasize the importance of quality
 - C. show his authority
 - D. test the quality of the refrigerators
 - 4. Except for white-goods business, Haier also has business in the following areas
 - A. TV sets, air conditioners, MP3s
 - B. Radios, mobile phones, PC peripherals
 - C. Restaurant, TV sets, stationary
 - D. Haier brothers cartoons, PC peripherals, TV sets
 - 5. Haier is using the following effective ways to be strong and competitive except for
 - A. distribution
 - B. outsourcing

- C. new technology
- D. services

III. Questions for Discussion.

- What do you think of Haier's alliances with other companies? State the advantages and disadvantages.
- 2. Discuss what you can learn from Haier Group's success?

Text B

The Global Market: Translating and Localizing

Your executive management¹ finally made the commitment to sell your company's products to international markets and you were just given the responsibility for managing the localization process. This is an exciting time for your organization, and a significant challenge for you.

localization n. 地方化;定位

Localizing your products is a huge opportunity for your company. When done correctly, it will dramatically expand your markets, increasing both revenues and profits. Your company will also develop strategic and tactical international experience that will be invaluable in the future.

So how do you identify the many options available for localizing your products or materials — and how do you select the right one for your company?

identify v. 认出;识别;支持 available *adj*. 可用的或可得到的; 可与之交谈的

It is time to define the scope of your project. To ensure

that your expectations are met, accurate and realistic goals for timeline, cost, and quality must be made **prior to** project start; and you must decide which two of these **variables** are most important. Once you have a clear idea regarding what is needed, where you want to go — and when you need to arrive — you will be in a great position to discuss project planning with localization providers. Find out what services they offer, how much time they will take, and how much the localization will cost.

prior to *prep*. 在…之前 variables *n*. 可变因素; 变数

During analysis and planning, keep in mind that localization is a team sport. Most projects are relatively complex affairs that require numerous specialized resources, each functioning to provide unique and closely interrelated contributions.

interrelated adj. 相互关联的

The following provides a brief summary of the different options you can select to translate your materials. Although not an exhaustive list of all possible alternatives, it does cover most of the common and obvious ways to localize written materials into your target languages. As you will see, you have many options for translating from Albanian² to Zulu³ ... and everywhere else in between.

exhaustive *adj*. 全面的; 彻底的; 透彻的

1. Localization Option: Acquaintance or Family Friend

- ▶ Characteristics: This is someone you know who happens to speak or has studied the target language.
 - ▶ Benefits: Very low or no cost.
- ▶ Limitations: Not a localization professional; Limited capacity; No QA⁴ steps; No tools; No process; No technical expertise; Extended timelines; Consistency and quality are probably poor; High risk of missing deadlines; Hidden costs; Updates are time consuming

份; 职位

capacity n. 容量; 才能; 能力; 身

▶ Considerations: Speaking a foreign language does not qualify someone as a translator and you frequently get what you pay for.

2. Localization Option: Bilingual Employee

Characteristics: A bilingual employee is someone in your

company who speaks the target language.

- ▶ Benefits: Low out of pocket⁵ cost and he or she may have subject matter expertise.
- Limitations: Not a localization professional; Limited capacity; No QA steps; No tools; No process; Timelines uncertain; Consistency and quality are likely poor; High risk of missing deadlines; Hidden costs; Updates are expensive.
- Considerations: Competing responsibilities at work, availability, and using in-house resources to review the final deliverable is highly recommended.

3. Localization Option: Overseas Distributor

- Deliberation Characteristics: A foreign distributor, agent or representative's translation "cost" may be negotiated as part of overall sales agreement
- Benefits: Low out of pocket cost, may have subject matter expertise and someone else is responsible for project.
- Limitations: Not a localization professional; Limited capacity; No QA steps; No tools; No process; Extended timelines; Consistency and quality may be poor; High risk of missing deadlines; Hidden costs; Updates are expensive.
- Considerations: Everything should be negotiated "up front" when the distribution agreement is prepared and you may lose control over content and quality. Ownership, copyright, and IP6 issues are all a concern. Unauthorized changes might be made and go undetected and content consistency between different target languages can be difficult to maintain.

4. Localization Option: Individual Translator

- ▶ Characteristics: Independent contractors that specialize in one language are often locally available.
- ▶ Benefits: Offers easy access and a quick turnaround on turnaround n. 好转; 起色 small projects
- Limitations: May not have translation memory and other sophisticated tools; Limited capacity; Longer timelines on larger projects; No independent QA (if any); Quality may be an issue; Updates can be expensive; May have no DTP8 capability; One

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