

Appendix 3 Currency converter for South-East Asia

Rather than express costs and returns in one currency (conventionally \$US dollars), this manual makes use of currencies from various South-East Asian countries. For the reader's benefit, rather than convert them all to a single currency in the text, the following currency converter compares their relative values in February 2005. More up to date conversions can be obtained via the internet from a currency converter located at <http://www.xe.com/ucc>.

Relative values of selected currencies in February 2005

Country	Currency unit	000 Rp	1 MR	1 Ps	1 Bt	000 VND	1 A\$	1 US\$	1 RMB
Indonesia	Rupiah (Rp) x 1000	–	2.42	0.17	0.24	0.58	7.09	9.21	1.11
Malaysia	Ringgit (MR)	0.41	–	0.07	0.10	0.24	2.92	3.80	0.45
Philippines	Peso (Ps)	5.94	14.4	–	1.42	3.47	42.2	54.7	0.61
Thailand	Baht (Bt)	4.18	10.1	0.70	–	2.44	29.7	39.5	4.66
Vietnam	Dong (VND) x 1000	1.72	4.2	0.28	0.41	–	12.1	15.8	0.12
Australia	A\$	0.14	0.34	0.02	0.04	0.08	–	1.30	0.16
United States	US\$	0.11	0.26	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.77	–	0.12
China	Rendimbi (RMB)	8.99	2.18	0.15	0.21	0.52	6.37	8.28	–