

INDONESIAN

COUNTRY: Indonesia

POST: Jakarta

The national and official language of Indonesia is Bahasa Indonesia a modern adaptation of the Malay which is spoken in Singapore and Malaysia. Regional languages persist side by side with Bahasa Indonesia and thirty or more are spoken by over 100 thousand people.

In 1972, the alphabet changed slightly with the double consonant dj becoming j (now Jakarta) and the letter j becoming y (now yang). Most Indonesians who spell their names with the Dutch oe or dj instead of the anglicized u or j have preferred not to change.