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In order that the description of national population series on file
in the Statistical Division of the United Nations may be as up to date
as possible, it is desirable to provide for confirmation or revision
of the method of their construction. The questions below relate to
coverage of data and method of estimation. It is requested that a "X" be
made in the field following the words which best describe the estimates
in terms of these questions.

1. COVERAGE OF DATA

The mid-year population of Hong Kong before 1996 was compiled using
the "extended de facto" approach. It includes Hong Kong Permanent and
Non-permanent Residents and visitors who are in Hong Kong at the reference
time-point. Hong Kong Permanent Residents temporarily away to the
mainland of China and Macau are also included. Since August 2000, the
"resident population" approach has been adopted in place of the "extended
de facto" approach for compiling population estimates of the Hong Kong
Population. With the availability of the 2001 Population Census results,
the population estimates since mid-1996 have been updated.

The population estimate compiled under the "resident population"
approach is referred to as the "Hong Kong Resident Population". The "Hong
Kong Resident Population" comprises "Usual Residents" and "Mobile Residents".
"Usual Residents" refer to two categories of people : (1) Hong Kong Permanent
 Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for at least three months during
the six months before or for at least three months during the six months after
the reference time-point, regardless of whether they are in Hong Kong or not
at the reference time-point; and (2) Hong Kong Non-permanent Residents who
are in Hong Kong at the reference time-point. As for "Mobile Residents",
they are Hong Kong Permanent Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for
at least one month but less than three months during the six months before or
for at least one month but less than three months during the six months after
the reference time-point, regardless of whether they are in Hong Kong or not
at the reference time-point. Under the new approach, visitors are not included
in the Hong Kong Population.

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In order to clarify the exact composition of the population,
please indicate in the following check box the exact disposition of each
group listed, using "IN" for included; "EX" for excluded. Specify years
to which description refers.
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POPULATION GROUP	ESTIMATED TOTAL FOR:
	1996 - 2001
(a) Nomads	IN
(b) Persons living in remote areas	IN
(c) Military,naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country....	EX
(d) Merchant seamen and fishermen resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census	IN

(including those who have no place of residence
other than their quarters aboard ship) ....

(e) Civilian residents temporarily IN another   IN
     country as seasonal workers ....

(f) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily   IN
     to work in another country ....

(g) Civilian residents other than those in (c)   EX
     (e), and (f) working in another country ......

(h) Civilian residents other than those in (c)-(g)   IN
     temporarily absent from the country ....

(i) Foreign military,naval and diplomatic personnel   IN
     and their families located in the country....

(j) Civilian aliens temporarily in the country   IN
     as seasonal workers ....

(k) Civilian aliens who cross a frontier daily to   IN
     work in another country ....

(l) Civilian aliens other than those in (i), (j)   EX
     and (k) working in another country ....

(m) Civilian aliens other than those in (i)-(l),   IN
     temporarily in the country ....

(n) Transients on ships in harbour at the time   EX
     of the census ....

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2.   METHOD OF ESTIMATION

A2. TOTAL POPULATION

Estimates of total population for a country as a whole may be
constructed by a variety of means. Please indicate by a check
mark "X" the method used in constructing the latest population
estimate, indicating the "base data"
and the "method of adjustment" in accordance with the components
of the code described in the "Technical Notes" of each Demographic
Yearbook (pages 9-10 of the 1968 issue) and reported below:

BASE DATA
1. Continuous population register   [   ]
2. Con 15.3.2001 - 27.3.2001
    i. population actually enumerated   [X]
    ii. population adjusted to take account of   % undernumeration   [   ]

3. Sample survey taken (date):   [   ]
4. Partial census taken (date):   [   ]
    (please describe)

5. Non-censal count of (date):   [   ]
    (describe method)

6. Conjectural estimate derived by means other than counting [   ]
   (describe method)

METHOD OF TIME ADJUSTMENT
1. Base data secured annually by population register [   ]
2. Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), and
   migration:
   i. registered vital statistics [   ]
   ii. vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness [X]
3. Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), but
   no account taken of migration:
   i. registered vital statistics [   ]
   ii. vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness [   ]
4. Extrapolating mathematically from censuses taken (dates): [   ]

   Please give formula:

5. Applying an assumed rate of increase, not derived by mathematical
   extrapolation or interpolation but based on:
   i. assumption with respect to mortality, fertility and [   ]
       migration
   ii. assumption with respect to mortality, fertility but [   ]
       no account taken of migration [   ]
   iii. other assumed rate
   If (i), (ii) or (iii) is checked, please give rate used and
   describe how obtained:

6. No time adjustment (base figure held constant) [   ]
7. Other (explain): [   ]

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B2. POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX

   Estimates of population according to age and sex are assumed to be
   constructed on the same base data as are the total estimates. However
   certain additional factors may be involved in the case of those age
   distributions estimated from the census enumerations or from sample
   surveys. Please indicate below the adjustment(s) made in the basic
   age distribution used to construct estimates shown in Table PE-2 and 4.

   ADJUSTMENTS IN BASE

   i . None - based on population actually enumerated at various ages [   ]
        or estimated from survey results
   ii. Enumerated population or population estimated from survey
       results adjusted to take account of underenumeration at
       various ages [X]
   iii. Base age distribution "smoothed", i.e., adjusted to remove
        effects of digit preference in age reporting [X]

METHOD OF TIME ADJUSTMENT

Distribution of estimated population according to age and sex may
also be made by same methods as used to obtain the projection of the
total figure, or it may be derived by distributing the estimate
according to the percentage of population in each age-sex group at the
time of the census.Please indicate below the method used in constructing
the age-sex distribution of the latest estimate shown in Table PE-2.

1. Applying actual or assumed natural increase
   and migration   [X]
2. Applying actual or assumed natural increase alone   [   ]
3. Distributing the total estimate according to percentage of   [   ]
   population in each age-sex group at time of census of
   sample survey
4. By other means (describe below)   [   ]

DISPOSITION OF UNKNOWN AGE

If frequency in unknown age category of table PE-2 and 4 is zero
please indicate below whether in the preparation of the estimates:

1. An age has been assigned to persons for whom age did not appear   [   ]
   in the census or sample survey
2. Frequency in unknown age category has been distributed
   proportionately among known ages   [X]
3. The frequency of unknown age appearing the census or survey   [   ]
   was zero

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C2. URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION AND THE POPULATION OF CITIES

Post-censal estimates of the urban and rural population, or the
population of individual cities can be made in various ways. In some
countries continuous population registers permit the up-dating of local
population estimates according to the registered balances of births,
deaths, and changes of residence. In some countries, perhaps, periodic
surveys permit the up-dating of urban or city population estimates. In
some countries, in relation to post-censal estimates of the total
population, estimates of urban, or city population may be determined
by an extrapolation of the percentage or urban in total, or city in
urban, population. In some countries, urban and city population may be
determined on the basis of rates of growth of urban or city population
observed over a past period, by assuming such rates of growth to
continue. Other methods are also possible. Please indicate below the
method used in making post-censal estimates of urban and rural, or
city population.

	Urban population	City population
1. Population registers	[ ]	[ ]

2. Surveys, other than a census   [   ]   [   ]
3. Extrapolation of percentage   [   ]   [   ]
4. Observed rate of growth, assumed   [   ]   [   ]
   to continue
5. By other means (describe)

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

In order to bring up to date the bibliographical information you kindly
supplied with last year's questionnaire, please list below publication
which have become available since that time or are to be issued in the
near future which contain results of your latest population census or
survey, and current statistics on population estimates, vital statistics
and internation migration.
This information is being requested for the purpose of compiling and
maintaining a current bibliography of demographic statistics. The
citations should, therefore, be in a form suitable for reference
purposes, i.e., the TITLE, ISSUING AGENCY or AUTHOR, PLACE, DATE OF
PUBLICATION and NUMBER OF PAGES should be given.
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