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The booklet also presents absolute figures showing trends relating to various aspects of the economy for the period 1950-51 to 1960-61. The scope of some of the tables in this booklet has been enlarged in the light of new material available. In presenting the available data, the metric system of weights and measures has been adopted.

*Future Population Estimates by Sex and Age : Report IV : The Population of Asia and the Far East, 1950-1980*, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York, 1959. Pp. viii + 110. \$ 1.50.

Fourth in a series of reports dealing with future population, prepared in accordance with recommendations of the Population Commission, this report deals with the prospective trends of population in a large part of Asia and the Far East. The first part of this report compares and discusses briefly the results of projections for countries of this region for the period 1950-1980 ; the second part presents data and methods leading to the estimates on which the United Nations projections are based; and the third part explains the methods used for the projections with respect to mainland China. Results of projections for India, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea and Mainland China, by detailed age groups, are tabulated in the appendix.

According to the selected estimates based on certain assumptions, a large future growth in the population of Ceylon, India and Pakistan is foreseen despite the fact that clinics propagating methods of family planning are in operation in these countries. Present birth rates are so high that even their possible eventual reduction is not very likely to compensate fully the probable future declines in death rates. In Mainland China, since the present birth rate is apparently not as high, on the average, as in South Asia, the rate of its population growth may slow down appreciably in the future. The projection selected with respect to Japan, foresees a considerable slowing down in the rate of population growth. In China (Taiwan) and Korea, on the other hand, accelerated growth appears likely in the future. The share of Asia and the Far East in world population according to revised estimates, is estimated at about 53 per cent during 1920 to 1950 and at near 55 per cent by 1980; the population of the region being 991 millions in 1920, 1,572 millions in 1960 and is likely to increase to 2,268 millions by 1980.