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4,366,600 people in HK in first 6 months

THE population of Hongkong in the first half of the year was estimated at 4,366,600, a Census and Statistics spokesman announced yesterday.

The figure indicates an increase of 37,700 over the revised 1974 yearend estimate.

The 3,039 Vietnamese refugees staying in the three army camps here were excluded from this account.

In the same period, there was a net inflow of 11,304 people, recorded by balancing the movement into and out of Hongkong.

Legal immigrants from China during the first six months of this year totalled 14,036.

Birth rate decreased by 533 - 37,211 babies were born during the period.

Mortality rate also lowered. Deaths in the first half year numbered 10,821. The figure last year was 11,937.

The balance of births over deaths for the first six months of this year is 26,390.

The figures of births and deaths are based on events rather than registrations.