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Aberdeen Centre celebrates Hong Kong in summer exhibit

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A replica of Hong Kong's skyline from Victoria Harbour will be on display at Aberdeen Centre. Roger Wagner

Richmond's Aberdeen Centre (4151 Hazelbridge Way) will launch "In My Life, Pearl of the Orient: Hong Kong", an interactive cultural exhibit, Saturday (June 30) in the mall's central atrium. The exhibit includes photographs, antique displays, multimedia art pieces, and a musical fountain show.

A large-scale replica of Hong Kong's skyline from Victoria Harbour made entirely from LEGO pieces will be the main attraction at the exhibit. The LEGO sculpture will be created by Robin Sather, one of 13 Certified LEGO Professionals in the world and the only one in Canada. Sather will be on hand at Aberdeen Centre from July 2 to 15 completing the display, which will include some of Hong Kong's most recognizable buildings, such as the HSBC bank headquarters, the International Finance Centre tower, the Legislative Council Building, and the Peak Tower.

Other highlights of the "In My Life, Pearl of the Orient: Hong Kong" exhibit include a display of vintage textiles, housewares, tools, and more that were used in Hong Kong in the 1950s and '60s; miniature replicas of Hong Kong's famous street food stalls and snacks by artist Conny Wu; a custom-built rickshaw, which was the popular mode of transportation in Hong Kong up until the 1950s; photographs documenting Hong Kong's rise from a small fishing village to booming metropolis; and a water fountain show timed to songs associated with Hong Kong.

Admission to the "In My Life, Pearl of the Orient: Hong Kong" exhibit is free. The exhibit is open during mall hours and will run at Aberdeen Centre until September 3.

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