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More than 100,000 Lego and Duplo pieces will be used to replicate downtown Hong Kong inside Aberdeen Centre, courtesy certified Lego professional Robin Sather. The HSBC building, right, took more than 60 hours to assemble, and wasn't part of a kit, and was instead designed using regular Lego pieces.

A Hong Kong replica made out of Lego

By the time everything's done, hundreds of hours of work, more than 100,000 Lego and Duplo pieces, and nine signature Hong Kong high-rises will soar inside Aberdeen Centre atrium.

Also featuring the city's picturesque backdrop, along with Victoria Harbour, the detailed display is part of In My Life, *Pearl of the Orient—Hong Kong*, which tells the story of the city's historic evolution from small fishing village to Asia's World City.

Canadian Robin Sather, one of just 13 certified Lego professionals around the world, said it took 60 hours for him to assemble the HSBC building.

He and his team were busy Thursday, assembling more of the cityscape, work they'll be doing through July 15th. Asked what will become of the works after the display is

taken down, Sather said he's not sure. Each tower will likely be sold individually. The other pieces

could be auctioned off as well.

The rest of the exhibition includes: photo, art, and music exhibitions featuring historic icons of Hong Kong entertainment; a display of antiques and family treasures from the private collection of Mr. Roger Tsui; scale-model miniatures showcasing Hong Kong's street food stalls; a "Monkey Hill" replica of the famous Kam Shan County Park; and a photo opportunity to sit in an old-style rickshaw.

For more about the display, visit aberdeencentre.com. -by Martin van den Hemel and Jamie Peng