

Hobby Shops in Strange Places XXV

Continental Models & Toys

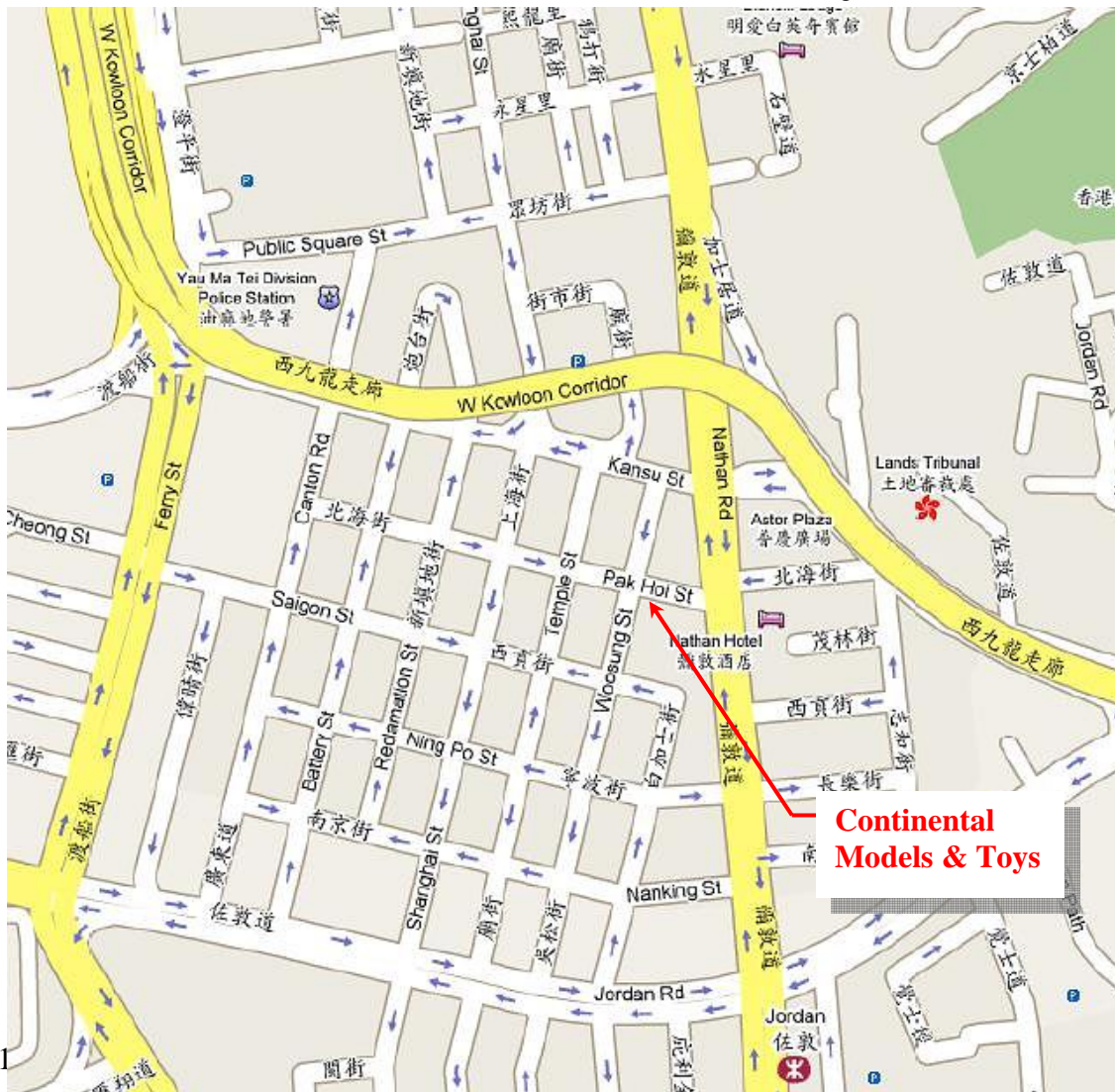
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As my girlfriend visited the Hong Kong Immigration office on Shanghai Street (near the Jade Market), I realized that the Continental Model & Toys Co. hobby shop was just a few blocks away. Clearing it with the Boss, I went in search of this never visited shop. After a ten-minute walk two blocks south from the Jade Market, I found the place. It was just opening up for the day and its windows were full of kits.

This is a true hobby shop in the tradition of the best hobby shops in the world, it has kits, paints, tools, aftermarket sets, books, magazines, R/C models, Die Cast, and (most important to readers of this article) an owner who speaks ENGLISH!

I was so happy when I heard the man behind the counter offer me the new 1/700 scale Taiwanese Frigate kit from Bronco. I wasn't interested in this kit as much as the pile of five Knox Class Frigates in 1/700 scale stacked in the corner! I have been waiting for this kit to be re-released from AFV Club for the last five years. After snatching up the frigate and hugging it to my chest (much to the amusement of the old man), I started to really look around.

In a locked glass case by the front, I found some resin 1/144th scale armor kits from Metal Troops. They had a Challenger II kit, a Tiger I kit (the 1/144th scale version with full interior)



If you're looking for Voyager or Lion Roar PE and resin sets, take a long gaze behind the counter. There's a lot in stock. Since I was under the gun from the Boss to meet her back at the Immigration office, I didn't really spend time looking back there. I did notice a bunch of resin and metal detail sets for Bronco's Comet in 1.35th scale, so I picked those up along with my Knox Class Frigate. Now that I think back on it, I should have picked up that little Challenger kit. Oh well, next time I go back.....

It's just one block west of Nathan road. The nearest subway station is Jordan (see that funny symbol at the bottom of the map above left.) If you're in Hong Kong and need a plastic fix, Continental is the place to go!

