

CNN News Highlights — Window Cleaner

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1) astounding	2) methodically spraying	3) nerves of steel	4) scaling	5) squeegeeing	6) tippy-top
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Think about this. These fearless workers spend months ____ some of the world's tallest buildings, ____, wiping, and ____ thousands of windows by hand. Our Mike Valerio visited the ____ of South Korea's tallest tower to meet someone who just may be Seoul's coolest window washer. It's an ____ view few will ever see — 125 floors above the streets of Seoul, hanging from the Lotte World Tower, window washers with ____ descend.

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1) debating	2) entire	3) pedestrians	4) rock powder	5) splash	6) spray pump
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Jong and his team clean the ____ tower by hand using a ____ and one small bucket. He tells us the water is actually mixed with ____, helping it cling to the building. "If there is wind, the water can ____ anywhere, which could cause problems for surrounding ____, cars, or even the already-clean parts. So, after ____ for a while, we chose to clean the tower using rock powder."

1) factors at play	2) gondola	3) in earnest	4) nerves	5) process	6) ritual
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All right, so the window washers are just about finishing up. They work for about six hours at a time. We're near the end of the giant arm that controls the _____. This is a ____ that takes months. They begin ____ in March, and they have to watch the weather — so many ____ when they clean one of the tallest buildings in the world. Any ____ he had at being so high up are now long gone. Jong sees the ____ as a delicate dance — and above all, an honor.

Translation

注意聽，來個小測驗！世界上最高的建築是什麼？台北 101、上海中心大廈、哈里發塔還是世貿中心？如果你回答哈里發塔，那就給你一個「高樓擊掌」！這座位於杜拜的摩天大樓自 2009 年以來一直是世界最高的建築，高得令人暈眩。如果要列出世界上最可怕的工作，你覺得前三名會是什麼？我有一個謙虛的提議——摩天大樓窗戶清潔工。

想想看，這些無所畏懼的工人花上數月時間攀爬世界上最高的建築物，有條不紊地噴灑、擦拭並用刮水器手工清潔成千上萬片玻璃。我們的記者 Mike Valerio 造訪南韓最高的樂天世界塔頂端，去見一位或許是首爾最酷的窗戶清潔工。那是令人震撼的景象，只有少數人能見到——距離地面 125 層高，懸掛在樂天世界塔上的清潔員以鋼鐵般的神經下降。

這位是鐘宇碩，一位「空中清潔編舞」的大師。他從 12 歲起便開始練習垂降與清潔，如今 27 歲，已是首爾最酷的窗戶清潔員之一。鐘其實是第二代的摩天大樓窗戶清潔工，追隨著父親——一位有三十年資歷的老手。「我從身為專家的父親那裡獲得智慧。」樂天世界塔是世界第六高、南韓最高的建築，因此他能清潔國家地標而感到自豪。

鐘和他的團隊以手工方式清潔整座大樓，使用噴霧幫浦與一個小水桶。他說水裡其實混入岩石粉末，有助於水附著在建築表面。「如果有風，水會四處飛濺，可能會影響行人、汽車或已清潔好的部分。所以經過一番討論後，我們決定使用岩石粉末進行清洗。」

這些清潔員每次工作約六小時，整個清洗過程耗時數月，從三月正式開始，並需密切注意天氣變化。在清洗世界最高的建築之一時，有太多影響因素需要考慮。如今，高空帶來的緊張早已消失，鐘把這份例行工作視為一場優雅的舞蹈——更是一份榮耀。



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Answers

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