21 ‘spidermen’ to scale glass facade of MBS

By SARA CHANG

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RIM’S top rock climbers from around the world will compete to emerge as the best “Spidermen”, in a building-climbing contest – the first of its kind – to be held here.

Tomorrow, 21 climbers will scale the glass facades of integrated resort Marina Bay Sands’ three 200m-tall towers to reach the Sands SkyPark, in the World Championship Climb. Each team comprises two men and a woman, who will have to conquer one tower each, one after another.

After the last climber completes the 55-storey ascent, all three team members have to race to the finish line near the infinity pool on the Sands SkyPark – the rooftop level linking the three towers containing swimming pools, restaurants and a viewing deck.

The seven teams represent the United States, Canada, China, Europe, the Commonwealth, Asia and Singapore.

The contest will be held to mark the official opening of Ma-

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