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Deep-cleaning Guoco Tower, currently Singapore's tallest building, takes more than a year. Standing at 290m, Guoco Tower is a 64-storey skyscraper located above Tanjong Pagar MRT Station, with Wallich Residences occupying levels 39 to 64.

GuocoLand embarked on a facade restoration initiative last August, which involves applying a protective hydrophobic coating that simplifies future maintenance and reduces cleaning frequency. This ultimately lowers operating costs, says Dawn Cheong, senior manager, facilities and centre management at GuocoLand.

After more than a year, the deep cleaning and coating process over Guoco Tower's 12,000 glass panels is set to be completed by the end of October. Cheong adds: "We continuously invest in initiatives to refresh and enhance the appearance of our building, ensuring it remains visually appealing and well-maintained over time."

The cleaning contractor also performed glass restoration and coating works at the Fountain of Wealth in Suntec City. "Not all buildings apply a protective coating, but we are seeing a rise in demand, with a few buildings in the CBD tendering for similar services that we are doing at Guoco Tower," says Roy Lloret, managing director at Renuglass. **E**

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A team of five cleaners from facade restoration firm Renuglass perform cleaning works at Guoco Tower by hand

