

AMERICA'S WINNERS

The World's Tallest Building

(NAPSA)—It may come as a surprise to some, but the officially designated “world’s tallest building” is in the United States.

The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat at Lehigh University resolved the issue of the World’s Tallest Building by dividing the title into four categories. Chicago’s Sears Tower owns three of those four categories, including:

- Highest occupied floor;
- Tallest to the top of the roof; and
- Tallest to the tip of its antennae.

Petronas Towers, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, two 88-story buildings, holds the title for the highest to its structural peak, which includes two large decorative spires, 1,483 feet high. The Towers’ roofs, however, are more than 200 feet lower than the roof at Sears Tower and the Sears Tower boasts 22 more floors than the Petronas Towers.

You can appreciate the difference from the Sears Tower Skydeck, which offers a magnificent, panoramic aerial view of all Chicago offers from the 103rd floor.

“It’s a common misconception that Sears Tower lost its title, but we know it’s not true,” said George Rumel, general manager for Trizec Properties at Sears Tower. “If Petronas Towers stood next to us, you could look down on their roofs from our Skydeck.”

Each year, nearly 1.5 million Chicago visitors make Sears Tower their first destination, find-



Soaring 1,450 feet, the 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago has reigned as the “World’s Tallest Building” since 1974.

ing it’s a great way to get the ultimate overall perspective before venturing out into the city.

The Skydeck experience involves a trip in one of the world’s fastest elevators, which travels more than 1,600 feet-per-minute.

On a clear day, Skydeck visitors enjoy impressive views 50 miles in every direction across four states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Although architectural scholars may never completely agree on which Tower owns the coveted “World’s Tallest” title, many would say the Sears Tower Skydeck, one of the world’s highest observation decks, wins the title of “World’s Best View.”