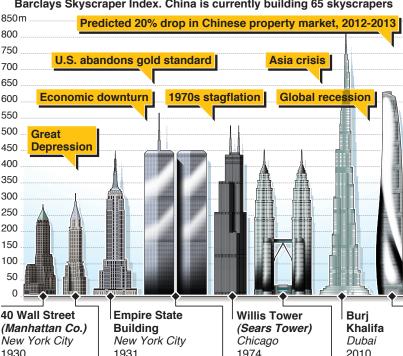
Skyscraper boom spells economic doom

Building booms, especially the construction of the tallest buildings in the world, tend to coincide with economic crises according to Barclays Skyscraper Index. China is currently building 65 skyscrapers



New York City 1930 1931 71 floors 102 floors Chrysler Building

New York City

1930

World Trade Center New York City 1971-2001

Petronas Towers Kuala Lumpur 1998 88 floors

108 floors

163 floors Shanghai Tower Due 2014

77 floors **111 floors** (each) Sources: Barclays Capital, JPMorgan Chase, Skyscraperpage, wire agencies

128 floors © GRAPHIC NEWS