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### **HK photographer Ric Tse and Lego Batman ‘save the city’ through good deeds**



A Hong Kong photographer has created an **ingenious** picture series of a Lego Batman helping to do good deeds and defeat evil in the city through small acts of kindness. Ric Tse’s amusing photographs of the tiny caped **crusader** have become an online **sensation** after he shared them on his Facebook page, just ahead of the release of the hotly anticipated *Lego Batman Movie*.

Tse’s “Batman: Save the City” shows a miniature Batman fearlessly coming to the rescue in a range of unlikely scenarios.

One image depicts him using a watering can to **extinguish** a discarded lit cigarette, while another shows him preparing to paint over red **graffiti** scrawled in Chinese characters over a white wall. Later, he is shown **donning** a mask as he works to repair someone’s iPhone charger cable. He is also photographed preparing to **swat** a fly which has annoyingly landed on someone’s biscuits. One shot that will amuse Hongkongers features Batman pushing an old lady in a wheelchair across a road, while a Hong Kong-style minibus and taxi wait patiently.

In other shots, Batman is seen performing more high-level rescue missions. In one image he holds up a falling skip with just his head, preventing it from falling onto a helpless construction worker underneath. And another picture shows him wearing goggles and a swimsuit, preparing to rescue a drowning man with an inflatable duck rubber ring.

The series has so far received more than 22,000 Facebook likes with users quick to **\*shower praise** on Tse’s latest work.

\* to give a lot of compliments to / to compliment a lot

Tse, a 39-year-old property manager, began photographing Lego as a hobby in 2009. He said he intended to retain his latest photo series **exclusively** online and had no plans for a local exhibition. He has been surprised by the level of interest.

Tse previously caught the attention of the international media with his Micro Legography series, which features Lego characters involved in scenarios with Hong Kong-style objects, including egg tarts and dim sum buns, which he hopes to incorporate into a book this year.

He has also used Lego to make mini street scene **replicas** of the 2014 Umbrella movement.

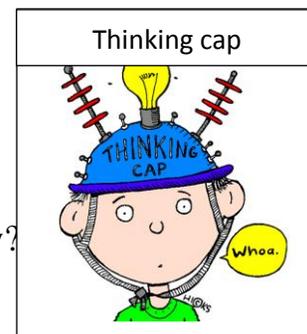
“Hong Kong is a bit messy as a society, so I wanted to show the difference people can make by doing small things,” he said. “Batman saves the city generally, but I wanted to show what he would do if he was small.”

Tse’s Batman photographs were released as Lego Batman fever began to **grip** Hong Kong

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## Questions to think about:

- Why should we do good deeds? Have you done any good deeds?
- What do you think Ric Tse means when he talks of Hong Kong being ‘a bit messy as a society’? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- If you could be a ‘superhero’, who would you choose to be and why?  
(\*Note: The choice does not need not be a superhero, it could be a real person.)



### I: Vocabulary and understanding meaning

Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been highlighted in bold in the article.

Column A: Word from text	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. ingenious (adj)		A: put out (e.g a fire)
2. crusader (n)		B: writing or pictures scribbled or drawn on walls (etc) in public places
3. sensation (n)		C: hit/slap
4. extinguish (v)		D: put on (an item of clothing)
5. graffiti (n)		E: only
6. don(ning) (v)		F: a fighter usually someone trying for good/justice (associated originally with medieval times)
7. swat (v)		G: clever, original, inventive
8. exclusively (adv)		H: firmly hold the attention or interest
9. replica (n)		I: a widespread reaction of interest and excitement
10. grip (v)		J: copy/imitation

**II: Usage of vocabulary:** Using the vocabulary from the table in Part I, fill in the missing words of the sentences. One of the words appears twice. Make sure you use the correct part of speech.

- Honestly, it was almost impossible to tell the statue was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the original as it looked exactly the same.
- The 90% discount is \_\_\_\_\_ available for members.
- I kept trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the mosquito which was buzzing round my head, but could not. It kept me awake all night.
- The building was originally very beautiful, but not anymore because of all the ugly \_\_\_\_\_ covering the walls.
- The plan was \_\_\_\_\_ and took a mastermind to come up with it.
- Harry Potter \_\_\_\_\_ his cape to become invisible.
- At one time, Pokemon go (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Hongkongers, and they could not stop looking for the Pokemon figures, but the game proved to almost be an overnight (b) \_\_\_\_\_.
- The fire could not be \_\_\_\_\_ as it was too fierce.
- Superheroes are often seen as \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight for justice.

### Challenge of the week:

**Come and enjoy a superhero movie! Not too challenging, right?**

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