

TOY DESIGNER FASHIONS FIGURINES AFTER DR M

'Gengkey' comic book writer drawn to him 'because Dr M had this vision that no one could understand...'

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FOR the last 20 years, comic books have been a huge part of Michael Chuah's life.

Chuah, 41, from Kuala Lumpur, is a writer, an artist and the brains behind the popular Malaysian comic book series *Gengkey*, which has been in publication

since 2001.

Chuah, better known to his fans by his nom de plume, C2V, is a comic book writer with publishing house Gempak Starz.

Apart from *Gengkey*, his other works include *3 Hours to Master*, *Office Survival* and *Lawak OKKO*.

Like most Malaysians, the 14th General Election last year prompted Chuah to take a closer look at the local political landscape and, in particular, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Growing up, we often heard about him, how he was the longest-serving prime minister and that he had his fair share of controversies.

"Many, for example, were initially against the construction of the Petronas Twin Towers.

"I was drawn to him because he had this vision that no one could understand in the beginning.



"I did some research by reading his book (*A Doctor in the House*) and realised that he had to face many obstacles, but he persevered and now look at the Petronas Twin Towers.

"They have become a national landmark."

Chuah, who previously created



(From left) Visual artist Aleff Ahmad, graffiti artist Kenji Chai and comic book writer and artist Michael Chuah at TitikMerah Gallery in Kuala Lumpur.