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Hello Everyone! Happy New Year. Wishing you the best in 2018!

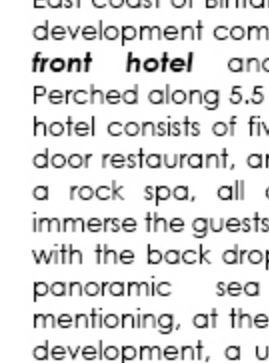


In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature yet another outstanding project delivered under the **VERITAS Integrated Professional Services (VIPs)** protocol. This remarkable project is a resort on the island of **Bintan in Indonesia**, and has been jointly designed by VERITAS Architects Penang, VERITAS Interiors and VERITAS Landscape. We are also pleased to feature many other news stories and exciting events happening at VERITAS.

The start of every year always gives us a chance to begin something new and we are excited that 2018 has arrived! VERITAS is thrilled to welcome this year with great anticipation and hopefully engage in more extraordinary experiences.

We hope you will enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

Veritas Integrated Professional Services (VIPs)

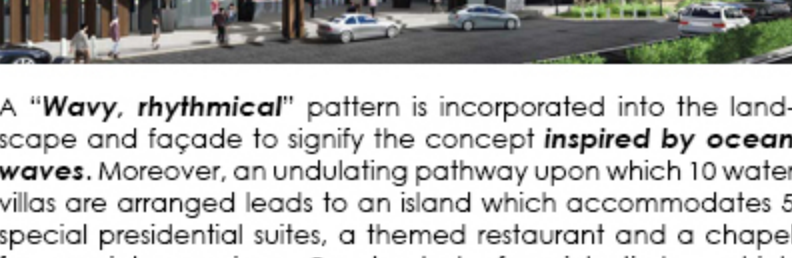


VIPs offers a **comprehensive and integrated** approach to design that encompasses **architecture, urban planning, landscape design, interior design, environmental consulting, quantity surveying and project management**. Most projects undertaken by VERITAS today include more than one of these disciplines.

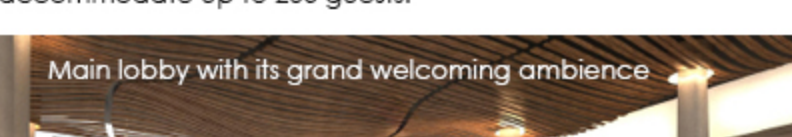


Bintan Resort, Indonesia

Part of Indonesia's Riau Archipelago, within a short boat ride from the city of Singapore, Bintan island attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually as a **resort destination** offering secluded beaches and diverse water sports. Located at the East coast of Bintan island, this resort development comprises of a **beachfront hotel and water villas**. Perched along 5.5 acres of land, the hotel consists of five blocks, an outdoor restaurant, an infinity pool and a rock spa, all designed to fully immerse the guests within nature and with the back drop of a sensational panoramic sea view. Worth-mentioning, at the North end of the development, a unique rock spa is featured to create a semi-outdoor space for relaxation.

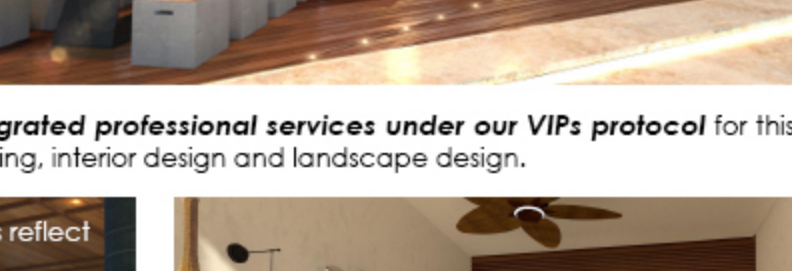


Stunning view of Bintan Resort and the surrounding environment from the beach



Front elevation of the hotel expressing the use of sunshade louvers

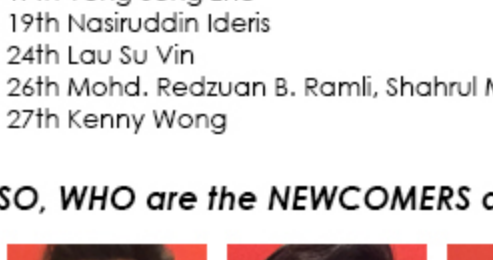
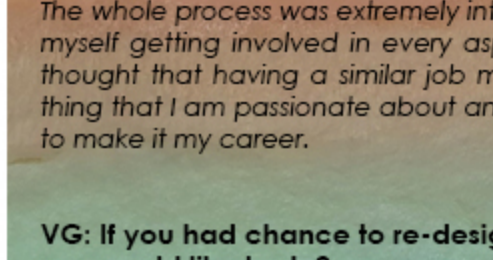
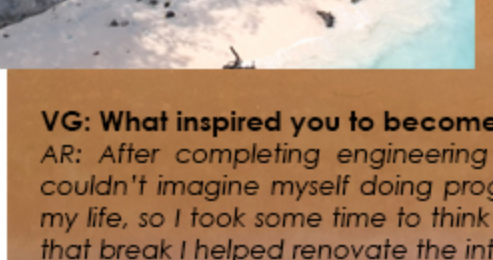
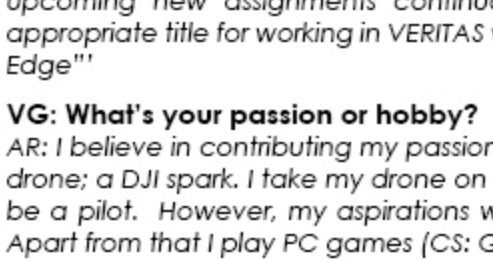
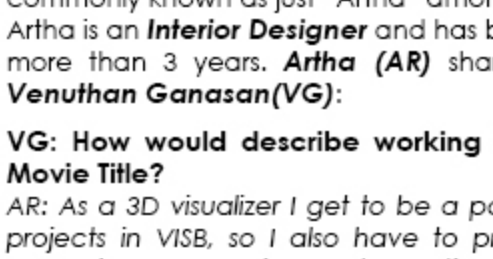
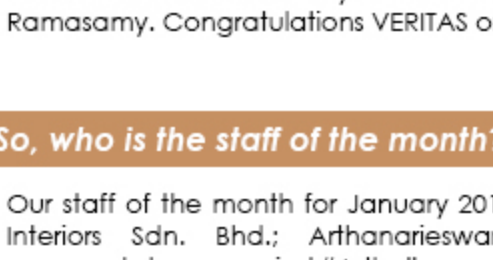
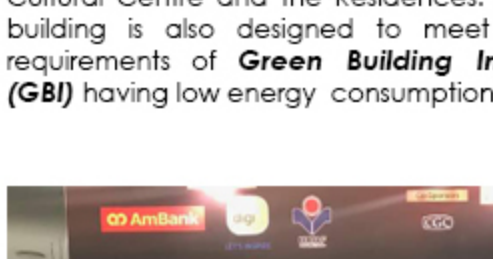
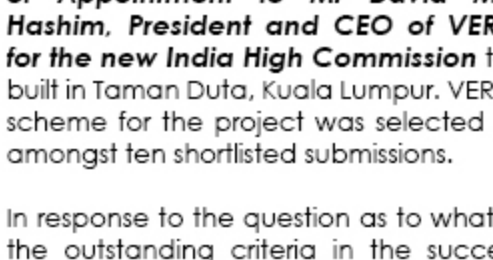
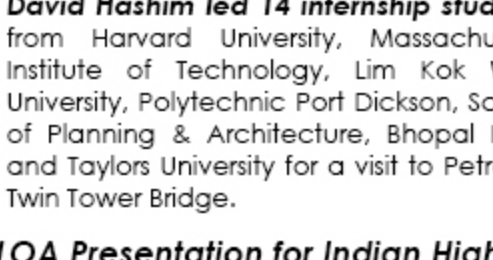
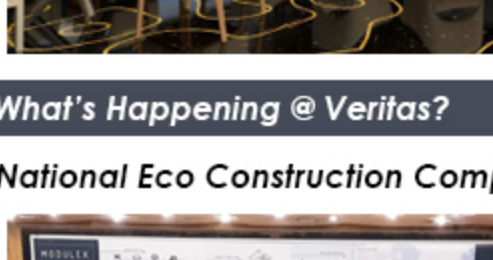
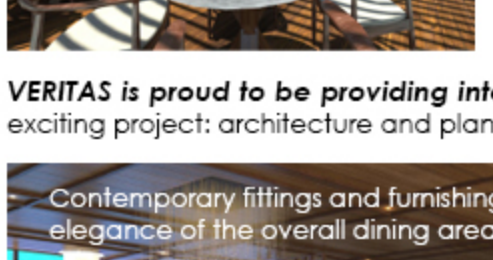
A "**Wavy, rhythmic**" pattern is incorporated into the landscape and façade to signify the concept **inspired by ocean waves**. Moreover, an undulating pathway upon which 10 water villas are arranged leads to an island which accommodates 5 special presidential suites, a themed restaurant and a chapel for special occasions. Constructed of mainly timber which reflects the tropical locality, the hotel and villas can accommodate up to 250 guests.



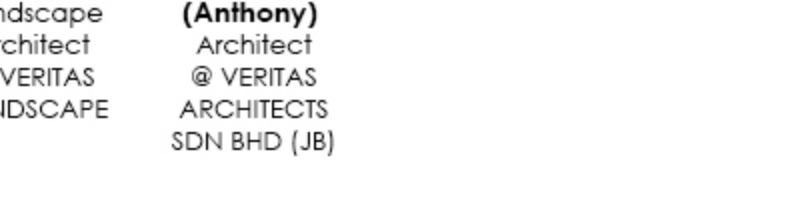
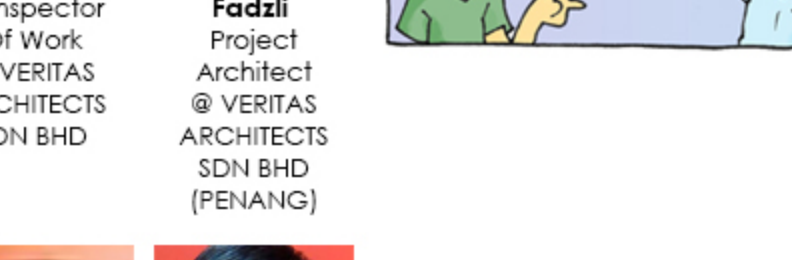
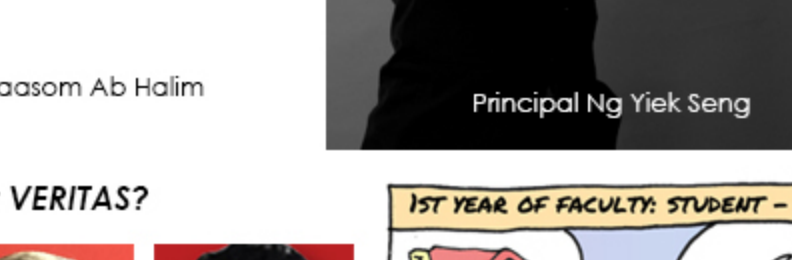
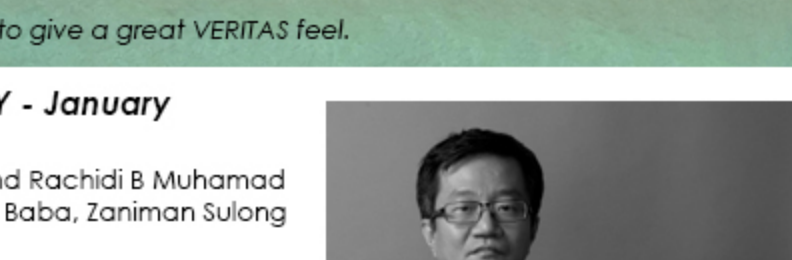
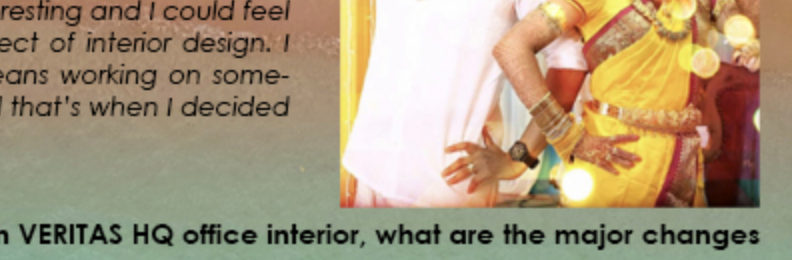
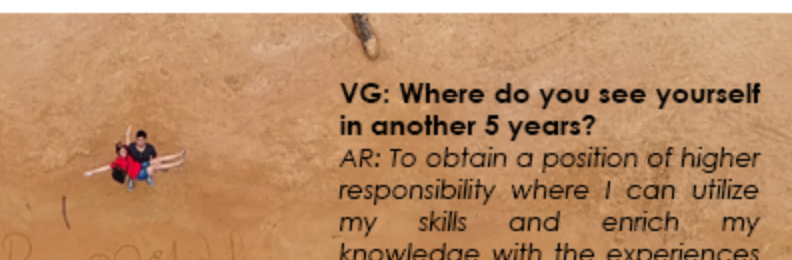
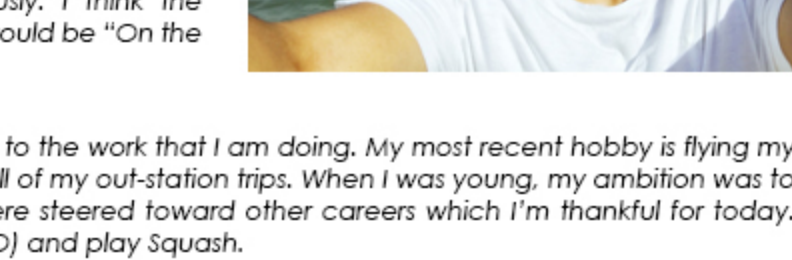
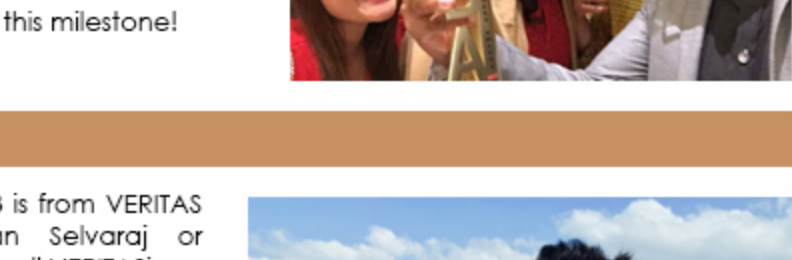
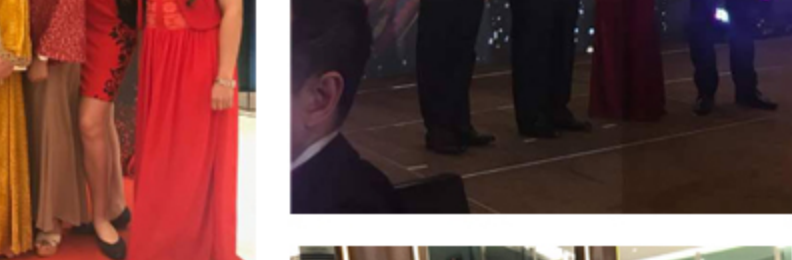
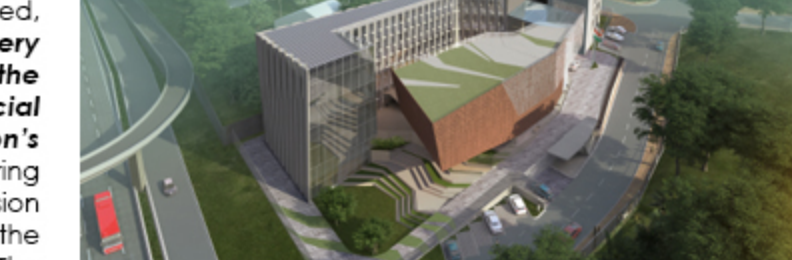
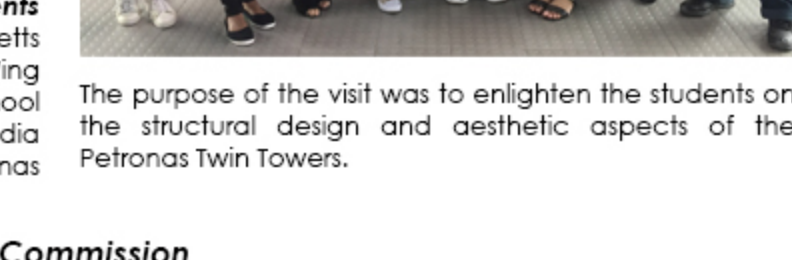
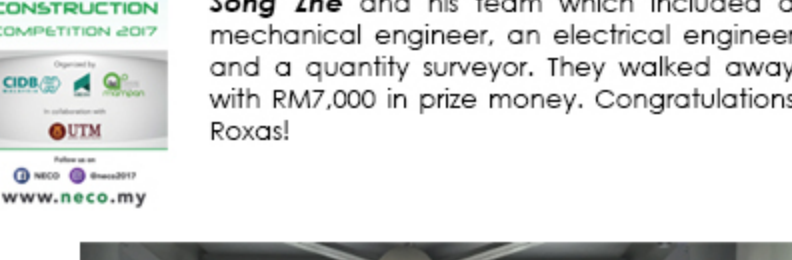
Main lobby with its grand welcoming ambience



Resort entrance and walkway blended with lush shrubs



Contemporary fittings and furnishings reflect elegance of the overall dining area



Where Are We Featured?



Women in REAL ESTATE

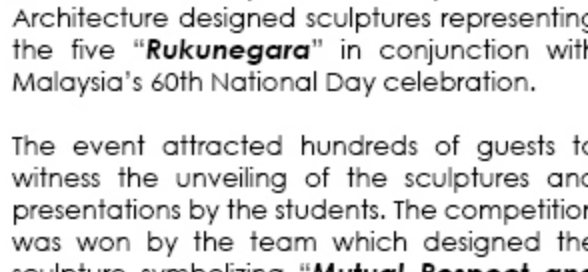
Real estate industry continues to grow rapidly in 2017. This growth is largely due to the increasing number of women entering the industry. Women are now making up a significant portion of the workforce in real estate, and their contributions are being increasingly recognized. This trend is expected to continue in 2018, with more women taking on leadership roles and driving innovation in the industry.

The Edge

On 25th December 2017, VERITAS Design Group **Principal Lillian Tay** was featured in the **"Lifestyle Influencer"** section of The Edge Weekly. The article recounted her **professional and personal** journey reaching the heights of success in a male dominated industry. Lillian has always been a **strong independent woman** setting an inspiring example to future female leaders.

Menara Etqa to be ready by 3Q2018

Menara Etqa by Etqa Enterprise will be a 38-storey premium grade office building located in the heart of Bangsar. The building is expected to be ready by July 2018. It will offer a high-quality office space with modern amenities and a sustainable design.



The Edge

On 1st January 2018, VERITAS' project **Menara Etqa** was featured in the City and Country section of The Edge Weekly. The article was a summary of **Menara Etqa's topping - off ceremony** and a description of the overall building. Menara Etqa is a 38-storey premium grade office tower located in heart of Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur and is expected to be completed by July 2018.



Star Metro

On 8th January 2018, the Star Metro Newspaper featured the Unity Project by the VFE (VERITAS Fund for Excellence). The project was a collaboration with Taylor's University and Shalini Ganendra Fine Art Gallery. About 20 students from Taylor's University School of Architecture designed sculptures representing the five **"Rukunegara"** in conjunction with Malaysia's 60th National Day celebration.

The event attracted hundreds of guests to witness the unveiling of the sculptures and presentations by the students. The competition was won by the team which designed the sculpture representing **"Mutual Respect and Good Social Behavior"** (Kesopanan dan Kesusilaan). The team members, Wee Sue Wen, Chang May Chen, Tan Kah Inn and Yang Jing Lu received a RM4,000 cash prize and internships with VERITAS.



A nod to art

Veritas Design Group, in collaboration with Shalini Ganendra Fine Art (SGFA) held the Unity Project, a CSR initiative undertaken by the Veritas Fund for Excellence (VFE). The project is a reminder of the importance of our Rukunegara, through the curation and exhibition of a collection of five special works of sculpture by students of design from Taylor's University.

VFE conducted a series of workshops to curate the students' art works, leading to the Exhibition and Prize-Giving Ceremony held as part of the programme of the Gallery Weekend Kuala Lumpur (GW-KL) 2017. The winning team walked away with RM4,000 cash, and in addition they were granted an internship with Veritas.

The Star

On 14th January 2018, the Unity Project by VFE (VERITAS Fund for Excellence) was featured again in the Life Inspired section of the Star Newspaper. The article explained the importance given to our **"Rukunegara"** in the curation of the 5 sculptures by Taylor's University students. The project is a collaboration with Shalini Ganendra Fine Art (SGFA) and Taylor's University. The prize giving ceremony was held as part of the Gallery Weekend Kuala Lumpur (GW-KL) 2017.

Indian High Commission Awards Building Project To Veritas Design Group

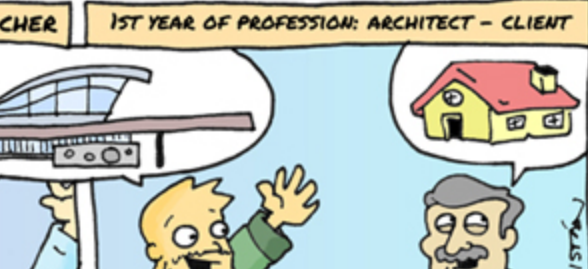
On 12th January 2018, the **High Commissioner of India to Malaysia H.E. T S Tirumurti** handed over the official Letter of Appointment to Mr David Mizan Hashim, President and CEO of VERITAS for the new India High Commission to be built in Taman Duta, Kuala Lumpur. VERITAS' scheme for the project was selected from amongst ten shortlisted submissions.

In response to the question as to what was the outstanding criteria in the successful design, the High Commissioner responded, **"The design was unique and very contemporary. It was selected on the basis of its technical and financial suitability to the High Commission's requirements."** This new building will bring the three offices of the High Commission together, namely the Chancery, the Cultural Centre and the Residences. The building is also designed to meet the requirements of **Green Building Index (GBI)** having low energy consumption.



Veritas Design Group design package for Indian High Commission building

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The Sun, Malaysia Business Online

On 19th January 2018, VERITAS Design Group was featured in both The Malaysia Business Online and The Sun Daily for **receiving the award** for the design competition for the new High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur. VERITAS was selected amongst ten shortlisted submissions. India's High Commissioner to Malaysia, H.E. T S Tirumurti explained that the **VERITAS scheme stood out because of the contemporary, unique design and also on the basis of the technical and financial suitability**. The new High Commission of India will be located along Jalan Duta, Kuala Lumpur and will comprise three parts; the Chancery, the Cultural Centre and the Residences.



SO, WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

- Riezam Ezizam**, Assistant Architect @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
- Muhammad Hakim**, Assistant Architect @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
- Abdul Halim Sr**, Inspector Of Work @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
- Mohadz Fadzli**, Project Architect @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (PENANG)
- Mohd Zafri**, Assistant Architect @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (PENANG)
- Noor Syahira**, Landscape Architect @ VERITAS LANDSCAPE
- Azizul**, Landscape Architect @ VERITAS LANDSCAPE
- Lau Yin Hon (Anthony)**, Architect @ VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (JB)



1ST YEAR OF FACULTY: STUDENT - TEACHER

1ST YEAR OF PROFESSION: ARCHITECT - CLIENT

"At the edge of chaos & order lies creation"

Principal Ng Yiek Seng

