



VERITAS e-news is a monthly on-line publication of features, news and events at VERITAS, a premier architecture and design firm based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. VERITAS e-news has a subscriber base of 3000 readers. **JANUARY 2011**

A very Happy New Year to all our readers!



In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature an in-depth expose of one of our recent projects which has been receiving a lot of attention: the "Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor Headquarters", PKNS HQ.

We shall also feature our recent 1st quarter staff meeting for 2011, annual dinner, and other interesting happenings here at VERITAS.

We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news. And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to

**MAIN NEWS**

**Selangor State Development Corporation PKNS HEADQUARTERS**

Laman (lawn) PKNS is envisaged to be an extension of the renowned Shah Alam lake gardens. Although its located on a plot of land designated for building use, VERITAS tried to minimise the physical impact of the building by giving back to the public the open area 'lost' for the development in the form of green roof. This roof garden is conceptually 'peeled off' the ground with the building structure tucked beneath it.



The planning concept of the building commenced with an appreciation of the existing visual connection between the city and the park and lake opposite it. The building's mass is planned to make the building permeable and transparent with a series of covered public plazas.

The low-energy approach involved orienting the building north-south; thus reducing exposure to direct sunlight. Breaking the long building into series of smaller blocks allowed more natural light in, therefore reducing dependence on artificial lighting.



The additional layer of roof-turfing with large overhang allows air to flow in-between the shaded area passively cooling the building. Also photovoltaic cells are integrated into the design whilst rain harvesting is incorporated into the drainage system.



The building programme includes mainly corporate offices with some retail and office supporting facilities. To complement the transparent and permeable planning concept, the retail components and other public related programmes are located on the ground floor. The rest of the office programme is divided according to operating functions within specific building blocks. The front block acts as a semi public zone supporting functions such as the auditorium and multi-purpose/banquet hall. The project is currently under construction and expected to be completed by end of 2012.

**HAPPENINGS**

**1st QUARTELY STAFF MEETING**



VERITAS held its first staff meeting for the year 2011 on 15th January, at the Menara Lembaga Getah Asli Auditorium. Our group CEO David Mizan Hashim gave a short but rousing speech encouraging all VERITASians to adopt a positive attitude in 2011. Principals from their respective divisions presented their company's plans for the year 2011.

**HAPPENINGS**

**BCI-ASIA TOP 10 ARCHITECTS 2011 AWARD**



VERITAS makes it to the top ten again!

We are proud to announce that VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd was chosen again to be among the "top ten" architects in Malaysia. This further confirms our current status in the design industry in South-east Asia and we are looking forward to greater success in the coming years.

BCI Asia Top 11 Awards have become an institution for architectural communities of Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Being a BCI Asia Top 10 laureate is a coveted prize among architectural firms, symbolizing the extent of their contribution to the built environment.

More details of this program can be found on the website of BCI Asia: <http://www.bciasia.com/top11/index.cfm?countryid=4&#detail>

**HAPPENINGS**

**GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR**



British Malaysia Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) organised a Green Building Technology Seminar, which was held on 26th January at Bankers Club, Jalan Imbi. The Seminar is on Sustainable Building issues & Green Building Technology.

David Hashim, CEO & Principal and Lillian Tay, Principal of VERITAS Design Group, gave talks and shared with the audience on issues of sustainability and the Malaysian Green Building Index in Malaysian construction industry. It was followed by question and answer session from the participants.

**HAPPENINGS**

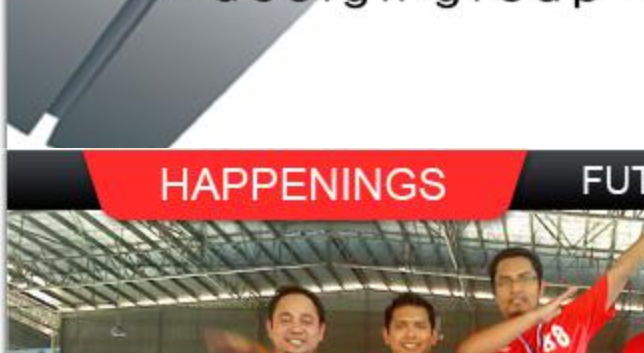
**VERITAS ANNUAL DINNER**



The VERITAS annual dinner was held on 15 January at the Rama V Thai Restaurant in Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the evening was "horror night". Almost 200 staff and their "significant others" attended this gala event which went on till the early morning. The best dressed prize went to Adibah for ladies (as Nenek Kebayan) and Michael Tan for male (as Ardhanari, a as half-male and half-female mythical character). Congratulations to all the "horrific" winners!

**HAPPENINGS**

**10 YEARS SERVICE AWARD**



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**FUTSAL TOURNAMENT**



VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. Johor office was invited for a PAM Southern Johor Bharu for 22nd January 2011. It was a close fight between the 3 architect firms, but eventually VERITAS Architects emerged overall 2nd. The team consisted of 7 tough men Mohd Fadzil, Mohd Asri, Nuwizar Jezi, Yuga Chakravarthy, Alif Abrar, Mohd Shah Rafi and Razman Junus. Well done boys! Keep up the sporting spirit!!

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS**



We would like to inform our Clients and business associates that our office will be closed for business from the 1st of February until 6th of February for the Federal Territory day & Chinese New Year holidays.

We will resume business on the 7th of February.

**STAFF OF THE MONTH**



January's staff of the month is Noor Halwani binti Ab. Rahman commonly known as "Wani" among staff and friends. She was born on 11 October and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from Iowa State University, USA and has been with VERITAS Architects since August 2006.

Wani can be described as a very jolly, friendly and dedicated person. Her hobbies consist of reading, shopping, watching movies and traveling.

She is currently involved in the Laman PKNS (PKNS HQ) and Seri Meraga Headquarters at Setiawangsa.

Her favourite quote is "Life is not so short that there is not always time for courtesy", by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**NEWCOMERS**



Welcome to board new VERITASians: architect Muslin Mohamed, Nurfaizlina Abd. Ruffar & Arba Franco from Colombia; project manager Ta Kok Chang; draft-person Mohd Rezielan Ramli & assistant Siti Nurhaya Ada Rahman from VERITAS Kuala Lumpur and lastly Senior Designer Noor Hafidzah Hashim for VERITAS Interiors. We hope that they have a thrilling and rewarding carrier with VERITAS.

**BIRTHDAY GREETING**

For January 2011, we would like to wish a very warm Happy Birthday to  
 Capricornians: Noor Remmy Ramli, Suhaimi Baba, Abdul Malek Kanchil, A.S. Harman Shafil, Teng Sion Ling & Zulkifli Ahmed  
 ....and Aquarians: Mohd Khairul Azli & Zainal Ab. Aziz.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**



"The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators".  
 - Edward Gibbon

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