

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.



Eid Mubarak, Happy Halloween and Greetings to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature the activity of our international offices: VERITAS USA, Vietnam, India, Australia and our joint-venture with MAB Consult in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At VERITAS, we are committed to continually improving and expanding our presence around the world to serve our increasingly global Clientele, and our international business units are testament to this objective. We foresee great opportunities in expanding our professional services to the growing global community.

We shall also feature a unique characteristic of VERITAS; our international staff!! Employing architects and designers from around the world is a part of our strategy to have a more international identity, which connects VERITAS to other cultures across the globe. This is in line with our corporate theme "ideas for the world".

We are also pleased to provide an update on recent activities of our 4th Quarterly Meeting, and other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS.

MAIN NEWS

• VERITAS SAUDI ARABIA (VASA) in collaboration with MAB Consult



VERITAS Saudi Arabia is a joint venture between VERITAS and MAB Consult, which is an established engineering firm based in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Led by Adrin Fahd Adnan as our representative in Dammam, VASA will serve Middle East projects from Dammam office. Currently VASA is working on a large mixed development project in Dammam which is expected to be completed by 2015.



• VERITAS in the USA (VAUSA)

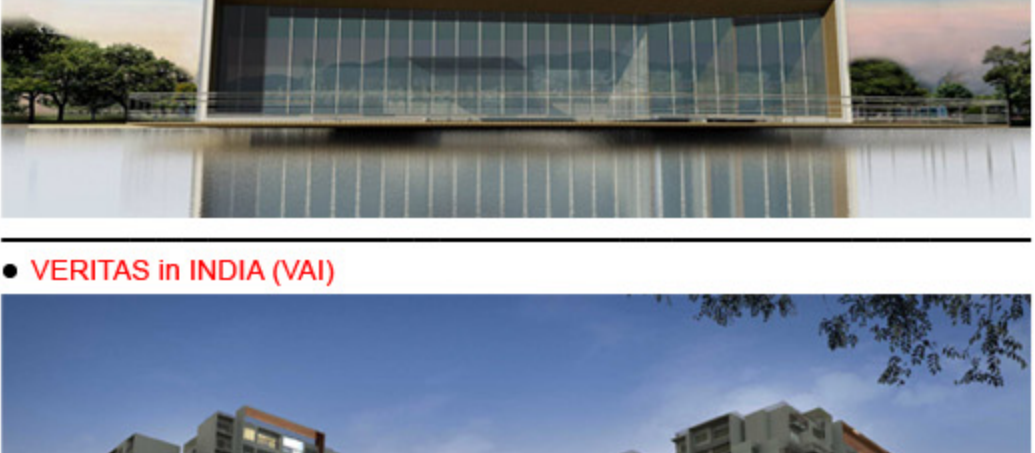


VERITAS Design Group recently expanded to the United States of America with the formation and registration of VAUSA. This initiative is another step in our aspiration to eventually evolve into a total design solutions provider throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Led by VERITAS Principal Richard Woodling, VAUSA represents the latest addition to the expanding international presence of the VERITAS Design Group. The representative office in Portland, Oregon shall serve Clients throughout North America as well as other Asia-Pacific countries.

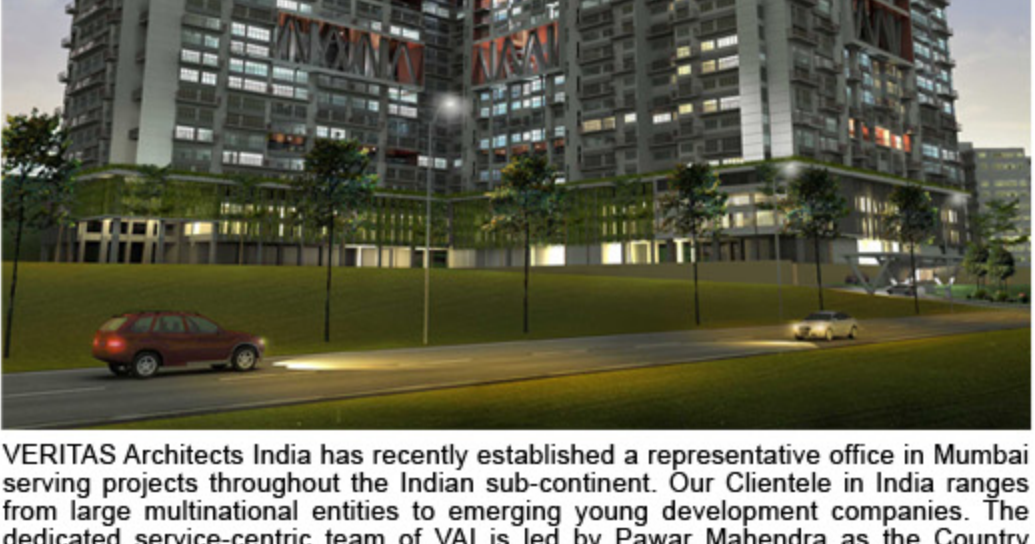
• VERITAS in VIETNAM (VAV)



Veritas Architects Vietnam Limited constitutes one of the earliest additions to the growing VERITAS family of international offices, with a registered office in Ho Chi Minh City. For the past 6 years Veritas Architects Vietnam Limited has been actively involved in projects throughout the country with an impressive track record which includes master planning, office towers and apartments. VAV is led by Country Manager Oliver Nguyen and is backed by Tracey Thuy as Administrative assistant.



• VERITAS in INDIA (VAI)



VERITAS Architects India has recently established a representative office in Mumbai serving projects throughout the Indian sub-continent. Our Clientele in India ranges from large multinational entities to emerging young development companies. The dedicated service-centric team of VAI is led by Pawar Mahendra as the Country Director and supported by assistant Chavan Hrishikesh.

• VERITAS ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA (VAA)



VERITAS Architects Australia provides specialist architecture expertise in the field of healthcare, residential care and retirement living to complement the extensive capabilities of the VERITAS Design Group. The office is led by VERITAS Principal Anton Alers with a registered office in Melbourne, Victoria. Experience in hospitality design gained on significant international hotel and resort projects combined with analytical planning skills developed on complex hospital projects enables Anton to apply an integrated approach to the work of VAA.

• Six VERITAS staff from around the world share their working experiences in VERITAS with Komathi Ramakrishna

Michael Tan, Assistant Architect, Medan, Indonesia (MT)
David Woshinsky, Architect from New York, USA (DW)
Daisy Mae Serrano, Technical Assistant from Iloilo Province, Philippines (DMS)
Hasan M. Abdull Hasan Alkhalafji, Architect from Iraq (HH)
Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi, Senior Draftperson from Pakistan (HSQ)
Juan Munoz, Architect from Granada, Andalucia, Spain (JM)

VERITAS is proud to have staff from around the world. This is part of our "international" corporate culture, manifested in our global presence and current activity in many countries around the world. Our goal is to have 10% foreign staff in all VERITAS group companies, something which has already been achieved in our Kuala Lumpur office. Here is a short interview with some of our international employees:

- What made you want to join VERITAS?**
 MT: My lecturer introduced VERITAS to me after my final year at Limkokwing University; and here I still am!
 HH: It's a place where you learn everything about design.
 DW: I was excited to be involved in the firm's projects around the world.
- What is it like to work in Malaysia?**
 MT: Greater exposure is what I was looking for, and of course it is more lucrative to work in Malaysia compared to Indonesia
 HSQ: There have been many sacrifices as my family is in Pakistan. But there are also lots of things that I gain from working here. There are new developments, new applications of technology and most important of all; working with great designers from around the world.
 DMS: Working here in Malaysia is quite good for me. Philippines is not so far from Malaysia, so I don't feel too much homesick.
- What are your expectations from VERITAS?**
 DMS: VERITASians have an attitude of treating each other like "family and friends." And in terms of work and duties we all are very committed.
 HSQ: The firm needs more improvement in it's Information Technology capabilities.
 JM: It has changed a lot since I first came. It was difficult for me to adapt at first but after 2 years I am now a fun of the office culture.
- What are the changes you have seen in VERITAS throughout the years you have been here?**
 HSQ: REVIT drafting software was introduced some years ago and it is being adopted very well among the drafting team.
 DW: The firm has expanded in staff size considerable, and has extended its international reach throughout Asia.
- What you like most about Malaysia and why?**
 DW: The mix of exciting Asian foods! And I love travelling and exploring around South East Asia.
 HH: I like being surrounded by water and greenery. I love Malaysia because I come from Iraq where there isn't much greenery or beautiful beaches.
 JM: Malaysia is all about the people, culture, food and of course beautiful beaches!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS (Libras & Scorpios)

For October 2013, we would like to wish a warm Happy Birthday to:-
 Ajantha Devi, Shamsuddin Wahap, Muhammad Haikal B Muhammad, Khadhri, Iza Fazlina Bt Hamzah, Siti Norhajarina Misran, Norhaida Bt Hamzah, Mohd Asri B Mohd Markom, Mohd Shahrom Bin Zainuddin, Ng Wei Huan, Mazliyani Binti Alang, Lau Kok Sun, Lillian Tay Wai Fun, Tan Kennan, Abdul Rahman Bin Mat Ali, Pappathi Munisamy, Noor Halwani Binti Ab Rahman, Lee Yueh Nan, Yazid Omar, Noor Jainatunain Alang Hussin, Muhammad Fadzli Abd Aziz, Muhammad Hafizi Bin Kamaruddin, Lew Hon Kwan, Wan Muhamad Rosmadi Wan Hassan, Qairie Asyraf Bin Hamid

NEWCOMERS

Welcome on-board new VERITASians:
 Assistant Architects, Afiq Dinie Dahman and Margherita Mosanghi for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur. Architect, Nur Diyana Zulkifli for VERITAS Architects Penang.

We hope they will have a long and rewarding career at VERITAS.



BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to our VERITAS Kuala Lumpur staff Mohd Hanif B Ramli and his wife Jamiyatun Jamiah on the arrival of their lovely baby girl, Nur Haninda Aulia Bt Mohd Hanif born on 18th of October 2013. Best wishes to the proud parents!!



Congratulations also to our VERITAS Johor staff Aswat Redzuan Bin Ismail and his wife Nurul Hanaa Bohamad on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Aminatus Sofeiya born on 2nd of October 2013. Best wishes to the proud parents!!

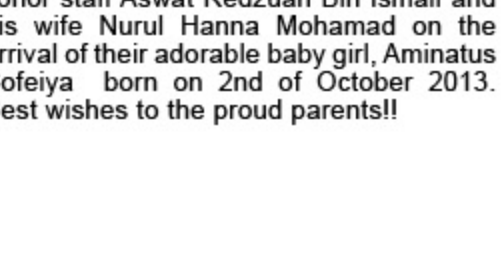
THE FUNNY SIDE OF VERITASians

"I work 18 hours a day, and my VERITAS badge is on me all the time - i EaT, WoRK, PLaY and SLeeP with VERITAS."

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Where are We FEATURED?



• THE EDGE - Preserving a Family Legacy

VERITAS' project "Menara Binjai" was featured in a 2-full page Green section in the Edge Newspaper on 14th October.



• THE EDGE - PAM GREEN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Menara Binjai office tower in Kuala Lumpur received the Honorary Mention at the Edge-PAM Green Excellence Awards. The award dinner was held at the Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 10 October 2013, and was received by Madam Chin of Khor Joo Saik Sdn. Bhd.

• PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART TALK



The MA in Critical Theory and Creative Research at the Pacific Northwest College of Art and the Ford Institute for Visual Education is pleased to announce a lecture by DAVID HASHIM

PNCA Main Building
 CT+CR Headquarters (Room 204)
 Friday, October 4, 2013
 11:00 am-12:30 p.m.

PNCA

Our group president David Mizan Hashim was invited to give a presentation at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon which was held on 4th of October. David spoke on the topic "The 21st Century Asian City: METROPOLIS".

• GREEN INDUSTRY SEMINAR 2013



In conjunction with World Day of Architecture (WDA) on 7th and 8th of October 2013, PAM Southern Chapter and Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang hosted a Green Industry Seminar 2013.



VERITAS Environment is proud to have participated as an exhibitor in this exciting event which took place at the Amansari Residence Resort, Bandar Seri Alam, Johor. This is part of our strategic plan to expand our professional services into the area of sustainable design.



VERITAS has been actively involved in "Green Initiatives" for the building and construction industry.

• 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING

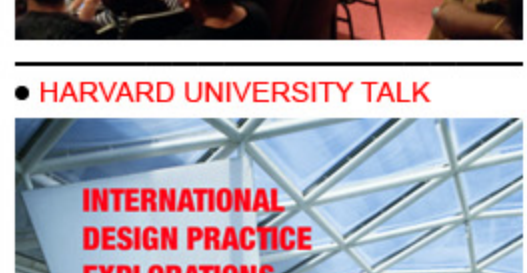


VERITAS held its 4th quarterly staff meeting for this year at the auditorium of Bangunan Getah Asli on the 19th of October. Among the highlights of the gathering were updates by our CEO David Mizan Hashim on VERITAS' international projects and the importance of corporate branding.

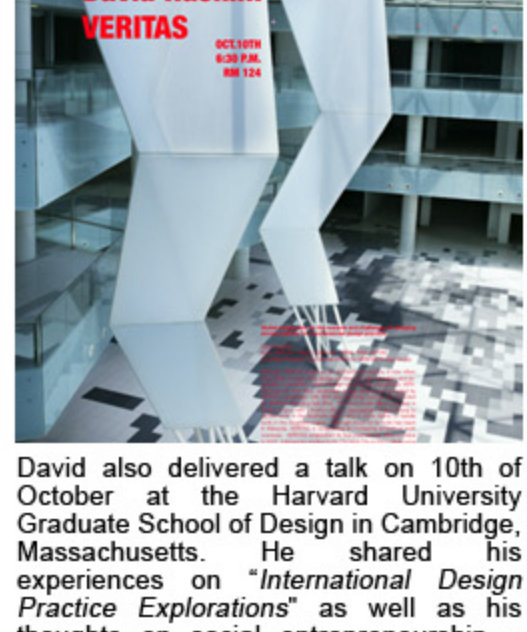
The event also featured the Core Value awards which were presented to the following VERITASian achievers:

- Integrity Norsyuhada Ahmad Khaider
- Design Mohd Nasrun Muhd Nor
- Environment Nizaruddin Nahaaruddin
- Audacity Syahri Nizam Kamaruddin
- Service Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi

A birthday bash for VERITASians born in the month of July, August & September was held at the auditorium and followed by lunch for all.



• HARVARD UNIVERSITY TALK



David also delivered a talk on 10th of October at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He shared his experiences on "International Design Practice Explorations" as well as his thoughts on social entrepreneurship - that "survival hinges on getting things done and never giving up."

• VERITAS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Date: 25th October, Friday
 Venue: Ampang Superbowl, Berjaya Times Square Kuala Lumpur

VERITAS TRIBE STANDINGS AS OF 28TH OCTOBER 2013

- 1ST - A TRIBE
- 2ND - I TRIBE
- 3RD - S TRIBE
- 4TH - E TRIBE
- 5TH - D TRIBE

