

Happy Deepavali and Happy Halloween to all our VERITAS readers!

In this month's E-news, we are excited to feature one of our recently completed high-rise residential projects: **The Tribeca Serviced Suites** in Kuala Lumpur. We are also pleased to feature many other exciting events at VERITAS. 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.

WHERE ARE WE FEATURED?



NEW STRAITS TIMES: VERITAS' PICTURESQUE TOUCH FOR PKNS

On 28th September 2017, VERITAS' project the **PKNS (Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor) Headquarters** in Shah Alam was featured for **winning two prizes in the Cityscape Global Awards 2017 in Dubai**. The feature described the evolution of Malaysian architecture with PKNS reflecting the design spirit of the future. This award-winning project also received the **Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) Gold Award 2017 (Low-rise Commercial)** and awards from **CNBC Property and Property Insight**. The PKNS HQ achieved both **Malaysia's Green Building Index (GBI) Platinum rating** and a **LEED Platinum rating from the US Green Building Council**.



NEW STRAITS TIMES: MRT MARVELS

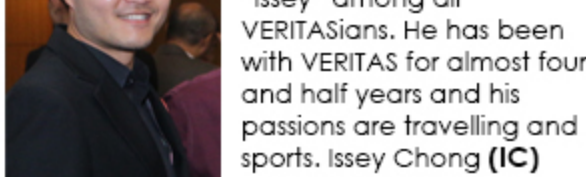
On 2nd October 2017, VERITAS' design for the newly-opened **Merdeka Station** of the **Sungai Buloh - Kajang MRT (Mass Rapid Transit)** line was featured in the newspaper. The design was described as an **"epic destination"**, and an **exceptional example of public architecture**. The article featured some impressive images of station interiors, which were also designed by VERITAS.



STAR NEWSPAPER: CONNECTING PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

On 4th October 2017, VERITAS' completed project **PKNS (Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor) Headquarters** in Shah Alam was featured in the **Star newspaper** **winning two prizes in the commercial built category and sustainability category in Cityscape Global Awards 2017, Dubai**. The article described PKNS as being an **exemplary design that was both sustainable and beautiful**. **VERITAS Principal Azril Jaafar** also described that **VERITAS was proud** to receive such a prestigious award, beating other worthy submissions from all around the world.

WHO IS THE STAFF OF THE MONTH?

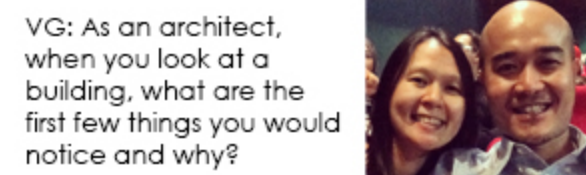


Our staff of the month is **Architect Issey Chong**, or commonly known as just "Issey" among all VERITASians. He has been with VERITAS for almost four and half years and his passions are travelling and sports. **Issey Chong (IC)** shares his story with **Venuthan Ganasan (VG)**:

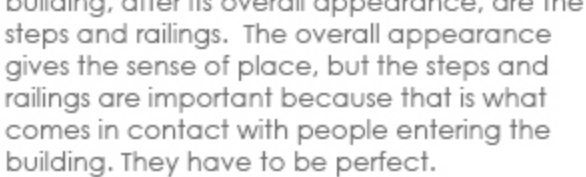
VG: How would describe working in VERITAS?
IC: Working in VERITAS is tough, but it is also rewarding to be part of such an amazing organization while gaining so much experience, knowledge and exposure in the field.

VG: Throughout your time at in VERITAS what has been your biggest achievement?
IC: My biggest achievement in VERITAS would be completing **TRIBECA**. I managed to see through the project until completion. But I'm still looking forward to another big project of mine which is the **STAR Residences**.

VG: As you look at, when you look at a building, what are the first few things you would notice and why?
IC: The first things I notice when I look at a building, after its overall appearance, are the steps and railings. The overall appearance gives the sense of place, but the steps and railings are important because that is what comes in contact with people entering the building. They have to be perfect.



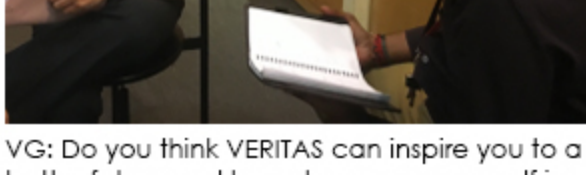
VG: Do you think VERITAS can inspire you to a better future and how do you see yourself in another 5 years?
IC: Yes, I hope to be an Associate by then.
VG: If you got a chance to rebuild any of the current iconic buildings in Malaysia, which one would it be and why?
IC: I would want to redesign the **KL Tower**. Currently the tower serves merely the purpose of broadcasting TV and radio stations. But people are increasingly preferring wireless internet over conventional broadcast mediums and so **KL Tower** risks becoming irrelevant. Since the tower is situated next to a forest reserve, perhaps a gallery or museum instead would be more meaningful to serve the community.



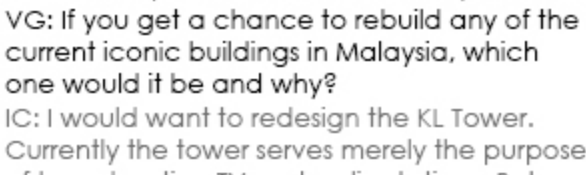
WHO ARE THE NEWCOMERS AT VERITAS?



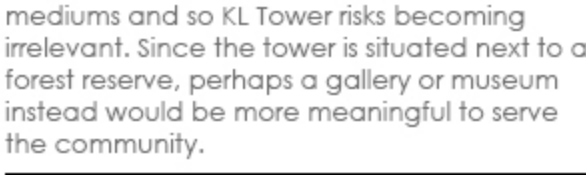
Assistant Architect
Yiong Song Zhe



Architect
Amirul Akmal



Assistant Architect
Devyani



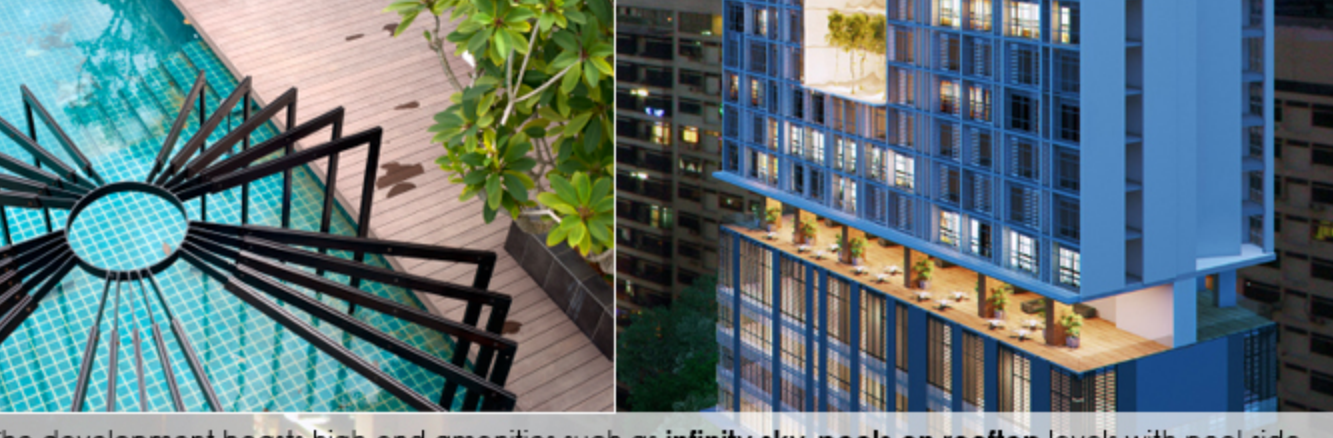
Architect
Ahmad Faruq

TRIBECA SERVICED SUITES, JALAN IMBI, KUALA LUMPUR

The Tribeca Serviced Suites is designed as **two residential towers merged into one development** linked via a central atrium. The simple yet chic rectilinear composition expresses contemporary sophistication standing amongst the city's sought-after addresses, **situated within the heart of the Golden Triangle**.



The 32 and 37 storey towers bear 318 units on a V-shaped floor plan. The tower offers **luxurious serviced suites**, providing an array of smaller studios ranging from 610 sq.ft, to larger apartment suites and loft type units sizing up to 1,293 sq.ft.



The development boasts high-end amenities such as **infinity sky-pools on rooftop** levels with pool-side putting greens, together with modish office and retail spaces on lower levels. Five rectangular portals frame the themed sky pods, impersonating large windows on the main elevations. Bearing themes such as business, social, jungle, zen and fitness, the concept of these double and triple volume sky facilities is to act as entryways to **draw fresh air into the central atrium**. The openings also bring in **natural lighting**, promote the flow of **natural ventilation** and encourage the stack effect thus cooling the towers. The project was completed in September 2017.
<http://www.tribeca.com.my/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING @VERITAS?

TRIBECA SERVICED SUITE SITE VISIT



On 30th September 2017, about 20 VERITASians and Taylor's University students joined a site-visit of the **TRIBECA SERVICED SUITES**, led by its **project architect Issey Chong**. The Tribeca is a 37-storey building on Jalan Imbi and the visit focused on educating fellow VERITASians on the details of the building and sharing knowledge on high-rise residential design. Issey shared his experience and challenges to complete this project and impressed all attendees with his knowledge and leadership skill.

TRIBECA CLIENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

On 3rd of October 2017, APLand Bhd, held a dinner for the successful completion of Tribeca at the Federal Hotel. APLand CEO Ms. Low Su Ming presented and awarded **VERITAS a Certificate of Commendation** and it was received by Issey Chong, who was the project architect.



THE 20TH NATIONAL HOUSING & PROPERTY SUMMIT 2017: ASIAN STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ASLI)



On 6th October 2017, **VERITAS Group President, David Mizan Hashim** gave a talk at "The 20th National Housing & Property Summit 2017". The conference was organized by Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) and was held at the Sunway Resort and Spa. The main topic of the summit was entitled **"The State of the Housing & Property Industry - Where do we go from here?"**. David's talk focused on **"Sustainability in the Property Sector and What More Can Be Done"**.

INTERNATIONAL URBAN SUSTAINABILITY & GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE 2017 (IUSGBC CONFERENCE 2017)



On 11th and 12th October 2017, the **Malaysian Green Building Confederation (MGBGC)** organized the **International Urban Sustainability and Green Building Conference 2017 (IUSGBC Conference 2017)**. The conference was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre for which **VERITAS Environment** was one of the sponsors. **VERITAS Environment Principal CK Tang** gave a talk on **"Reducing Capital Cost of Green Developments in the Tropics"**. Also attending the conference were **VERITAS Group President David Hashim, Principal Zainal Ab. Aziz, Architects Alber Parfonov and Ezatul Sharida**.

SMART CITY CONFERENCE: SEOUL, KOREA



On 25th October 2017, **VERITAS group president David Mizan Hashim** gave a talk at Smart Skycapes at the annual Smart Cities Summit in Conrad Hotel Seoul, South Korea. His talk was on **creating mixed-use urban spaces in the vertical city**. He elaborated on achieving vertical distribution and balanced mix of elements without sacrificing the privacy of occupants and encouraging a greater sense of community among the various users of the building.

MY STATIONS: TRANSFORMING MALAYSIA



On 17th October 2017 MyHSR Corporation unveiled the architectural concept designs for the seven stations in Malaysia for the **Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail (HSR)**. The event was held at the **Malaysian International Trade and Exhibition Center (MITEC)** and was launched by Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak**. **VERITAS is the designer for 5 out of the 7 stations**. **VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng** attended the launch and shared his thoughts with the media on VERITAS' design. The station in Putrajaya embraces Islamic architecture while the one in Seremban draws inspiration from the Sri Menanti palace. The station in Melaka is inspired by the state's maritime history. The design of the **Muar station** is taken from the **rehal (book rest)** which is used to hold the **Quran**, while the **Batu Pahat station** is derived from the **Kuda Kepang** (a traditional dance).

WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY: OCTOBER

- 1st - Lau Kok Sun
- 5th - Lillian Tay Wai Fun, Aiman Elissa Ashaari
- 7th - Nurul Rahmah bt Basim
- 8th - Abdul Nabilah Bin Mat Ali
- 10th - Pappathi A/P Munisamy, Ain Mardiah Saidi
- 11th - Noor Halwani Binti Ab Rahman
- 13th - Noor Misbah Binti Zulkefly
- 16th - Sazali Bin Awi
- 20th - Yazid Omar
- 21st - Muhammad Fadzli Abd Aziz, Lam Kok Sang (Jacky)
- 22nd - Muhammad Hafizi bin Kamaruddin
- 23rd - Siti Nur Sabilah
- 25th - Mazlyani Alang
- 26th - Mohd Asri bin Mohd Markom
- 30th - Wan Muhamad Roshtadi Wan Hassan, Nurjiamah Bt Ahmad Dahalan
- 31st - Fakhru Rizuan Mokhtar, Andi Kasa

BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to VERITASian **Muhammad Nadzir Bin Shamsudin** and his spouse **Farrah Nadzira Binti Paiman** on the arrival of their baby boy, **Muhammad Firash bin Muhammad Faris** on 12 October 2017.

