

Hello Everyone! Happy Deepavali!

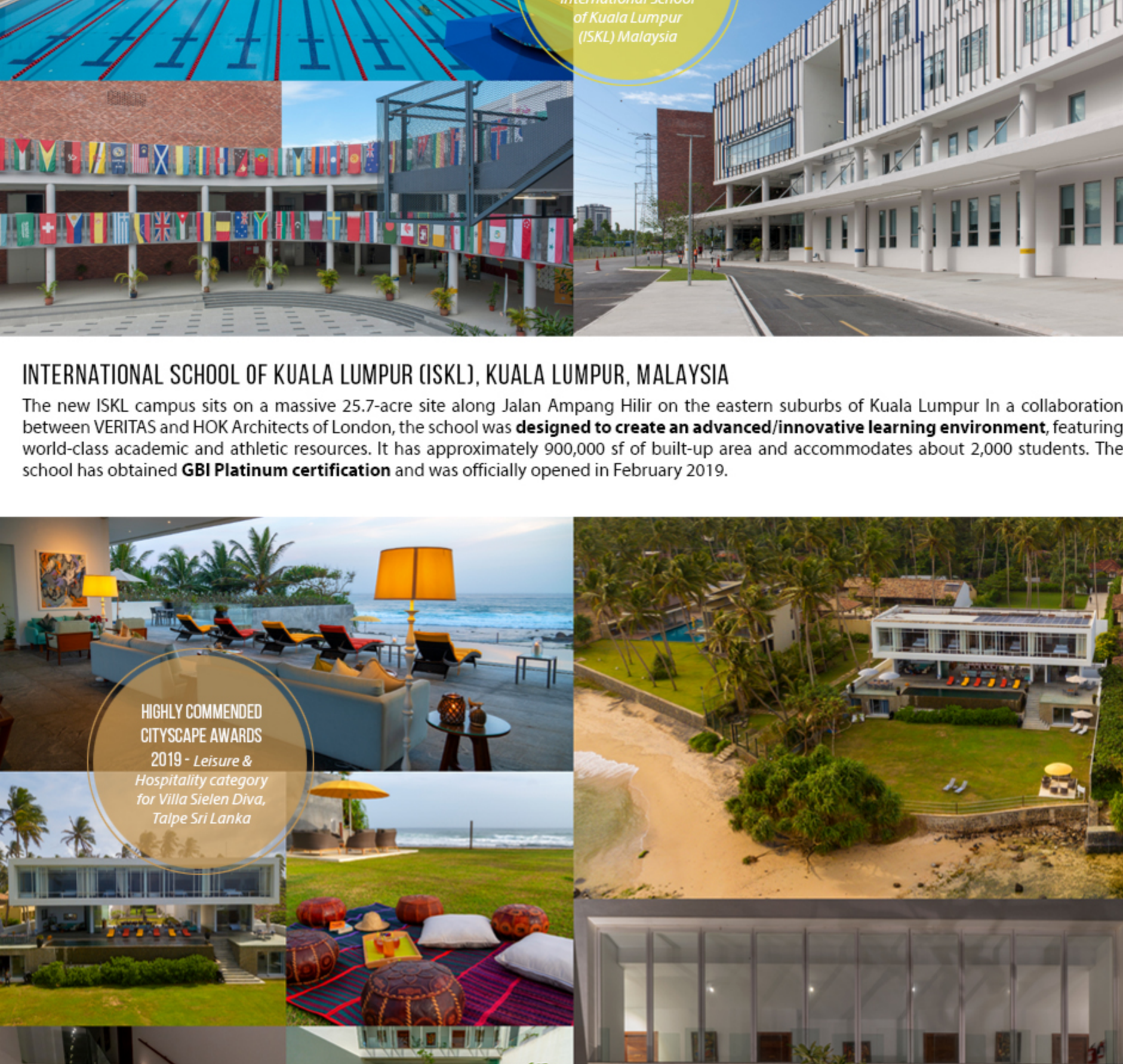
In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature a collection of projects undertaken by VERITAS which have received the prestigious Cityscape Awards!

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CITYSCAPE AWARD

The Cityscape Awards for emerging markets celebrates excellence in real estate development and architecture. Covering a range of categories, the awards offer international architects and leading real estate developers a significant platform to communicate a shared vision for the future, from culturally integrated city skylines to sustainable urban communities. These awards are the most prestigious honours that recognize architectural excellence for commercial, residential, retail, sustainability, community, leisure and hospitality projects from across the world.



WINNER OF CITYSCAPE AWARDS 2019 - Sustainability Project Award for International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) Malaysia

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KUALA LUMPUR (ISKL), KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

The new ISKL campus sits on a massive 25.7-acre site along Jalan Ampang Hill on the eastern suburbs of Kuala Lumpur. In a collaboration between VERITAS and HOK Architects of London, the school was designed to create an advanced/innovative learning environment, featuring world-class academic and athletic resources. It has approximately 900,000 sq ft of built-up area and accommodates about 2,000 students. The school has obtained GBI Platinum certification and was officially opened in February 2019.



HIGHLY COMMENDED CITYSCAPE AWARDS 2019 - Leisure & Hospitality Project Category for Villa Sielan Diva, Talpe Sri Lanka

VILLA SIELAN DIVA, SRI LANKA

Located in the idyllic yet private beach destination of Talpe near Galle, the site is a narrow rectangular plot of land stretching nearly 100m from an internal road in a dramatic progression through an enclosed walled compound that ultimately culminates in magnificent views of the beachfront, the choppy waves of the Laccadive sea literally at the doorstep of the site. Coconut trees and native tropical vegetation dot the site and the house makes the best of the drama of this linear progression. A realm of separation is created by the walls of the house, effectively marking out the boundaries of the house as an exclusive zone in the already private confines of the site. The project was completed in 2017.



WINNER OF DOUBLE CITYSCAPE GLOBAL AWARDS 2017 - Commercial Built and Sustainability Project Category for the PKNS HQ (Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor) in Shah Alam, Malaysia.

PERBADANAN KEMAJUAN NEGERI SELANGOR HQ (PKNS), SHAH ALAM, MALAYSIA

The Laman (lawn) PKNS was designed to co-exist in harmony with the renowned Shah Alam lake gardens which surround it. The planted green roof that rises from the ground and sweeps up for this low-rise office building serves as an extension of the park within which it sits. The elongated massing is punctuated by several atriums which funnel fresh air from the lake toward the urban center of Shah Alam. Solar panels over these atriums harness solar energy. The atriums are also public passages allowing pedestrian traffic to pass from the urban center to the lake beyond - the building thus forms a permeable edge linking the town to the lakeside. By extending the ground plane of the public park onto its roof, the building blurs the boundary of private and public realms. This project was completed in 2016.



WINNER OF CITYSCAPE AWARDS 2016 - Leisure & Hospitality Project Category for the Sinkeh Hotel, Penang.

SINKEH, PENANG, MALAYSIA

A 19th century Straits Chinese shop house in Penang is re-purposed into a hotel and arts space. While preserving the street facade, a new 3-storey pavilion of steel and glass is inserted into the rear without touching both party walls, creating a dramatic tapering light well that brings in daylight and ventilation. Every light-filled guestroom has a sun-drenched glass shower with views of the historical city or the time-worn party wall which becomes the 4th facade of the 16m2 room. The corridor is akin to a floating jetty of steel and timber, recalling the traditional clan villages on Penang's coast. Past and present merge, forming a contemporary spatial experience that engages with history. The lobby and courtyard transform into a performance venue or studio, providing a space for the local arts community and an incubator for emerging artists. Sinkeh - meaning 'new comer' - traces the narrative of the early immigrants and commemorates the history of Penang. This project was completed in 2013.



WINNER OF CITYSCAPE AWARDS 2012 - Best Sustainable Development category for Menara Binjai, Kuala Lumpur.

MENARA BINJAI, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

The Menara Binjai office tower is located in the KLCC area, next to the Ampang LRT station. The office tower comprises 29 storeys of office spaces, 8 car park levels and 2 levels of penthouse for the owner's family. The Jalan Ampang building barely is sheathed in a transparent frameless glass curtain wall, affording generous views. Ascending sky gardens at the edge of the building bare conceals by permeable glass walls provide relief to the office spaces. The residence of the family is lifted 35 storeys above the original site, an eyrie perched on the crown of the building and the house of a bygone era is brought into the 21st century in a continuation of the site's history. This project was completed in 2013.

WHERE WE ARE FEATURED?

GROWING THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

On 7th November 2019 VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay was featured in City and Country section of the Edge Newspaper.

The article highlighted Lillian's view that architects are being undervalued in the country. She also shared her plans and ideas to impact the architectural industry as the current President of the Malaysian Institute of Architect (PAM).



VERITAS Wins The 2019 Cityscape Award

Shared on 09 Oct 2019 by Yikie Cheong

VERITAS WINS THE 2019 CITYSCAPE AWARD

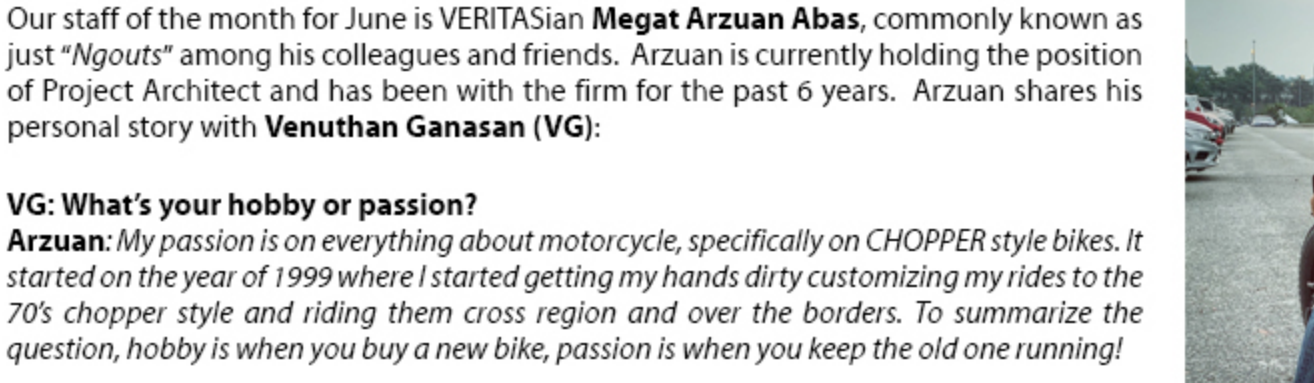
On 9th October 2019 VERITAS' recently completed project, the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) was featured in the Star Newspaper for winning the Cityscape 2019 Award under the sustainable project category.

The award was received by VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng and ISKL Director of Project Operations Dave Renaau at the award ceremony held at the Intercontinental Festival City Dubai, UAE. ISKL is also the first school in Malaysia designed to achieve the platinum Green Building Index (GBI) rating for sustainable design. It is also the Gold Award winner for the education category by the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM). Congratulations to the team who worked on this impressive project!

WHATS HAPPENING?



On 28th September 2019, VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organised Paintball War at the Mudtrekker Paintball Park, Cahaya SPK, Shah Alam. 35 staff from among all the Tribes took part in the game which started in the morning and ended in the late afternoon with a fierce combat finale. The exhausted paint splattered VERITASians had a truly memorable experience.



AIAC TALK

On 11th October 2019, VERITAS Vice-President Lillian Tay gave a talk at the 25 Years of Construction Development in Malaysia Conference organised by the Lighthouse Club.

The event was held at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and her talk was entitled "Making a City: Tall Buildings and the Public Realm in Kuala Lumpur".



STAFF OF THE MONTH

Our staff of the month for June is VERITASian Megat Arzuan Abas, commonly known as just "Ngouts" among his colleagues and friends. Arzuan is currently holding the position of Project Architect and has been with the firm for the past 6 years. Arzuan shares his personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):

VG: What's your hobby or passion?
Arzuan: My passion is on everything about motorcycle, specifically on CHOPPER style bikes. It started on the year of 1999 where I crossed getting my hands dirty customizing my rides to the 70's chopper style and riding them during my holiday over the borders. To summarize the question, hobby is when you buy a new bike, passion is when you keep the old one running!



VG: How would describe working in VERITAS in a movie title and why?
Arzuan: Working in VERITAS is like in the movie of The Lord of the Rings - The Two Towers. Every project is like an adventure by itself. We start to make alliances and faces antagonists along the way and overcome the challenges and obstacles together with the fellowships of the project. There's higher mentor or in movie term wizards and elves that would show you the way or even block your path and the 'secret armies' would pop up when you are helpless to assist you to win the battle.

VG: Do you think VERITAS can inspire you to a better future and where do you see yourself in another 10 years?
Arzuan: Sometimes the road you travel doesn't lead to the destination you had hoped for, but if you can look back on the trip and still smile, then it was worth it. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, ride & live today.



VG: What were the challenges you faced as a project architect working on the award-winning International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) in a single development project which I have managed as a project architect. Challenges came from the multi-disciplinary consultants, specialist and contractors in terms of transition of information and coordination. We have to take into account all the specialist trades in order to make the design intention materialize. With the internal work force of the only 4 people for the past 3 years, we are forced to managed the transmission of the information and drawings in large volume and accuracy to ensure the work on site progress according to the schedule and to meet the deadlines. Alhamdulillah, with all those years of patience and perseverance, we successfully reaped what we have sowed.

WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER

- 5th - Lillian Tay Wai Fun, Tan Kennan
- 7th - Nur Amalina Binti Ahmad Taufik
- 8th - Abdul Rahman Bin Mat Ali
- 10th - Pappathi A/P Munisany
- Marlia Bt Dzulkefli
- 11th - Noor Halwani Ab Rahman,
- 12th - Ihsan Hassan
- 13th - Noor Misbah Binti Zulkefly
- 16th - Sazali Bin Awi
- 20th - Yazid Bin Omar
- 21st - Mohd Shaiful Rizal Bin Mat Nayan
- Muhammad Fazli Bin Abdul Aziz
- 22nd - Muhammad Hafizi Bin Kamaruddin
- 23rd - Siti Nur Sabillah Mohd Sani
- 25th - Mazliyani Alang
- 26th - Mohd Asri bin Mohd Markom
- Wisely Chua
- 30th - Wan Muhamad Rosmadi Wan Hassan

NEW STAFF

- Suhaib Bin Khairuddin**
@ Assistant Resident Architect (LRT 3)
- Zulhisham Bin Abdul @ Abdul Rahman**
@ Senior Inspector of Works (MRT 2)

Working hard for something we don't care about is called **STRESS**
 Working hard for something we love is called **PASSION**



We hope you 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.