



November 2016 newsletter

Greetings and Salam Satu VERITAS to all our readers! In this month's E-news we are delighted to focus on one of our recently completed high-profile projects: The AirAsia Headquarters, otherwise nicknamed the **RedQ!** This project was handled under the VERITAS Integrated Professional Services (VIPs) protocol and was completed in early November this year.

We are also pleased to feature our recent **Staff Quarterly Meeting**, our participation in the **8th International Iran Air Show**, the VERITAS Social & Sports Club (VSSC) **Mount Kinabalu Climb** adventure 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 know more about any of the stories featured here.

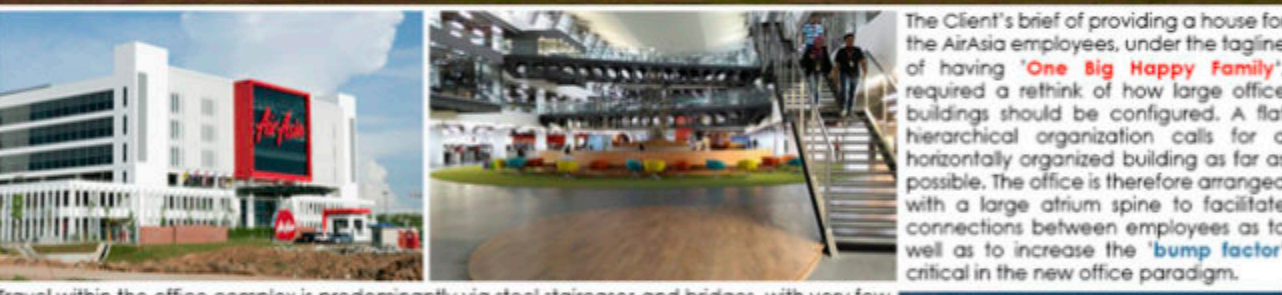
VERITAS INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (VIPs) - VIPs offers a comprehensive and integrated **multi-disciplinary approach** to design encompassing architecture, master planning, landscape design, interior design, environmental consulting, quantity surveying / project management as well as engineering. For the AirAsia HQ, the VIPs suite of services included architecture, interior design, landscape design and partial quantity surveying services.

All these services are provided by specialized consultancies within the VERITAS Design Group itself and they are led by dedicated Managing Directors with extensive experience in their respective disciplines. The ultimate aim of VIPs is to offer Clients the option of a **"one-stop"** consultancy service led by VERITAS with the following advantages:

- Reducing the Client's problem of managing / coordinating large consultant teams
- Simplifying the documentation and communication protocols
- Competitive overall professional fee
- Focusing responsibility and liability upon one party
- Attaining a more efficient and integrated final product

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AIR ASIA REDQ - Completed and operational since November 7th 2016, RedQuarters is the new home for AirAsia's global headquarters. The 6-storey block comprising 3 levels of office, totalling some 240,000 sq. ft. on top of another 3 levels of parking, integrates all operational and administrative functions of the AirAsia Group with supporting conference and recreational facilities for the Alistars, the moniker given to the highly driven employees. Covering an area of approximately 4.8 acres, the project site is located just beside the new Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) of Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA 2).

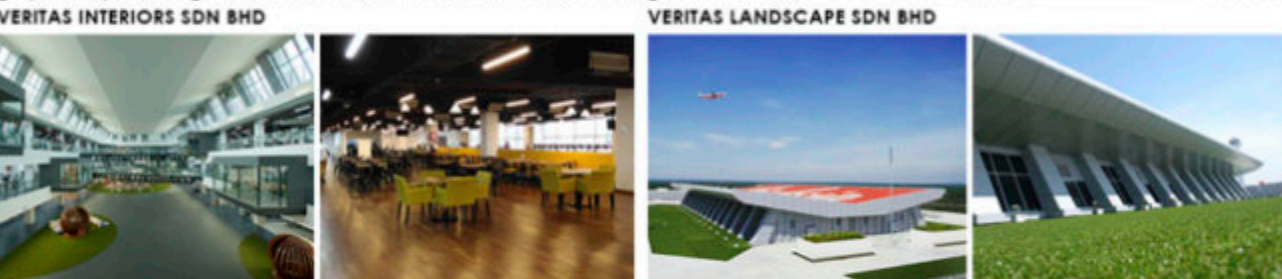


The Client's brief of providing a house for the AirAsia employees, under the tagline of having **'One Big Happy Family'**, required a rethink of how large office buildings should be configured. A flat hierarchical organization calls for a horizontally organized building as far as possible. The office is therefore arranged with a large atrium spine to facilitate connections between employees as well as to increase the **'bump factor'** critical in the new office paradigm.

Travel within the office complex is predominantly via steel staircases and bridges, with very few lifts provided, both as an extension of the strategy to foster chance meetings (bump factor) and also as a method to promote healthy living and an active working lifestyle.

With the footprint of the office covering some 70m, the atrium spine also serves to provide daylight to the deep office interior via judicious positioning of clerestory windows tucked under a large, metal-clad, wing-roof which bears the corporate colors and logo of AirAsia to be seen from planes flying above.

In terms of interior design, the industrial look of the open plan office with bare ceilings serves as a tabula rasa or blank canvas for the colors and vibrancy of the AirAsia corporate branding to imbue the spaces with a kaleidoscope of experience. A cornucopia of meeting pods, conference rooms, chill-out areas and casual work stations are individually decorated so that no room is the same as the next. Twenty six different meeting areas are finished with colors and graphics representing the various AirAsia hubs and destinations throughout the world.



VERITAS INTERIORS SDN BHD **VERITAS LANDSCAPE SDN BHD**

WHERE are we FEATURED?

FOCUS MALAYSIA

Mutually-beneficial relationship

There is a symbiotic relationship between the private and public sectors. The private sector provides the capital and expertise to build infrastructure, while the public sector provides the land and regulatory framework. This relationship is mutually beneficial and essential for the development of a nation.

Developers see value in international schools

They're like magnets, boosting property prices and attracting communities, but what is the appeal point?

International schools are becoming increasingly popular in Malaysia. Developers see value in these schools as they attract high-income families and improve the overall quality of the development. This leads to higher property prices and a more vibrant community.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

MANIFESTO FOR MALAYSIAN ARCHITECTURE

VERITAS Principal, Lillian Tay presented a lecture on October 14th 2016 to the students of the School of Architecture, Building & Design at Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Selangor. This talk was an elective offered to Master of Architecture students in their final year alongside their Dissertation, Design Thesis, Professional Practice lectures and Environmental Studies lectures.

ROYAL SELANGOR DESIGN WEEK

VERITAS Principal, Lillian Tay was among a group of panellist for the Royal Selangor Design Week: the company's Royal Selangor's inaugural flagship design event which was held at the Aloft Hotel Kuala Lumpur Sentral on October 25th 2016. Royal Selangor Design Week seeks to increase appreciation for good design through thought-provoking forums. Leading designers and influential thought leaders inspired a global audience with insights on burning trends that shape design across all disciplines. This event is also a valuable platform for like-minded peers to network, exchange ideas and explore design collaborations.

The VERITAS Lecture Series 9 was featured in October 29th - November 4th issue of Focus Malaysia. At this event, speakers from all sectors including educationists, contractors, developers and government representatives presented their views on the design of educational institutions and explored their capacity to **promote healthy communities**. The VERITAS Lecture Series 9 was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center on September 22nd 2016.

THE EDGE FINANCIAL DAILY

Educ-Action as a sustainable business formula

Educ-Action is one of the most demanded needs by society.

This design competition was jointly organised by MGB&C (Malaysia Green Building Confederation) and PAM (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia) for the design of the proposed Next Generation New Green Research and Office Building at a site located at UKM, Bangi Selangor. VERITAS Principal Azril Amir Jaafar was awarded an Honorary Mention for his creativity in designing an innovative and environmentally sustainable scheme in a modern campus style setting. The award ceremony was held on November 4th 2016.

Dr Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona of VERITAS Architect Sdn Bhd was featured in November 21st issue of The Edge Financial Daily. Miguel deliberated on the importance of Education and how it could sustain a business formula. The article also reflected on the topic of the latest VERITAS Lecture Series - **"School House: Educational Institutions Building Communities"** that analysed the positive effect of high-quality educational institutions on the success of property developments throughout Malaysia.

OPENING OF AIR ASIA REDQUARTERS

AirAsia, AirAsia X staff move into new corporate base

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VERITAS 4TH STAFF QUARTERLY MEETING

VERITAS held its 4th staff quarterly meeting for 2016 on November 12th at Menara Getah Asia Kuala Lumpur. The meeting kicked-off with the announcement of new Associates **Aina Zuber** and **Syah Kamaruddin**, followed by an award presentation by Group President **David Hashim** of the VERITAS Design Group IDOLS "Environmental Ideas Competition".

On November 8th 2016, AirAsia and AirAsia X staff officially moved into their new corporate base, which is located beside the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (Klia2). The HQ was designed by VERITAS and houses up to 2,000 AirAsia Alistars (staff) and encompasses an area of 18,000sqm. The construction for RedQ began in December 2014 and it reflects the airline group's determination to become the premier airline in Malaysia and across the region, while incorporating elements showcasing its professional, fun and friendly attitude.

THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL IRAN AIR SHOW 2016

The International Iran Air Show is an annual air show and exhibition organized by the Iran Aviation Authority to showcase and promote their aviation industry throughout the world. The 8th International Iran Aviation Show 2016 this year on Kish Island, saw an unprecedented number of international aviation, aerospace, airlines and other aviation related industries seeking investment ideas from the Middle-East through direct funding and joint ventures with regional industry players.



The Ping pong competition awards were presented by VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay.

Later, a 3-hour professional training session was a lecture on "Extension of Time and Delay Analysis" by Rodney Martin of the Charlton Martin Group. Rodney holds dual qualifications in quantity surveying and law and as a chartered quantity surveyor. He is also a specialist in construction contract consultancy providing professional and technical advice to Clients relating to contract documentation, contractual claims, dispute avoidance and resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENT

VERITAS is pleased to announce the promotion of **Ainazura Zuber** and **Syah Kamaruddin** to Associates of VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd Kuala Lumpur with effect from November 2016. Aina and Syah have been a part of the dream team since 2011 and 2012 respectively and this promotion is in recognition of their outstanding contributions and accomplishments.

VERITAS SOCIAL SPORTS CLUB (VSSC) PAINTBALL TOURNAMENT

The VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) held a Paintball Tournament on November 19th 2016 at Xitan Paintball Park, National Sports Complex, Bukit Jalil. This game tested the team spirit and power of team-work to overcome obstacles to survive. Congratulations to all the winners!

MERDEKA AWARD ROUNDTABLE

THE FUTURE OF OUR PAST - SAFEGUARDING MALAYSIA'S HISTORIC AND HERITAGE PLACES

Watch the Roundtable on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 8:30 pm on ASTRO AWANI CHANNEL 501

With speakers on: **Faiyaz, Nov 25, 2016 at 10:00 pm; Sun Nov 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm**

Panelists include: **EXASIAN CHANDRA**, **ANIS B AZMI**, **NG JIA HAN**, **THIRUGADAWI A/P SIVASHANMUGAM**, **ANN SANTANA A/P FRANCIS**, **ADLINE CHAN**, **ADRIAN HWEI**, **VERITAS**, **ANN SANTANA A/P FRANCIS**, **ADRIAN HWEI**, **VERITAS**.

Lillian Tay, VERITAS Principal was featured in the Merdeka Award Roundtable: an hour - long television talk show produced in partnership with ASTRO Awani which was aired on November 23rd 2016 at 8:30pm. The topic for the 15th Merdeka Award Roundtable was: "The Future of our Past - Safeguarding Malaysia's Historic and Heritage Places".

In the 15th Merdeka Award Roundtable, panellists from diverse perspectives discussed the challenges of the seemingly dichotomous relationships in Malaysia, between the past and the future, preservation and development, conservation and innovation. They explored the relationship and challenges among heritage, development and sustainability in Malaysia, and discussed how heritage is conceptualised in a diverse Malaysia, and context in light of our developing society, economy and priorities.

VERITAS SOCIAL SPORTS CLUB (VSSC) MOUNT KINABALU - November 19th - 22nd 2016

Tell it On The Mountain: VERITAS' Hits The Trail by Komathi Ramakrishna

It was really challenging as everything was compressed into 2 short days. It was certainly a test of our endurance, both physically and mentally.

We started trekking at 9:30am, and reached the base camp of Laban Rata at 2pm. There were huts along the way where we stopped to rest and rehydrate. These huts soon became our short term goals. We just keep moving till the next hut was in sight.

Waterproof gloves with good grip would really come in handy when climbing those ropes to get to the summit.

"Almost there!" we just kept telling ourselves. And finally after almost four and half hours of non-stop climbing, we reached the base camp of Mt Kinabalu-Laban Rata Well done Super Ultra Elite Team! Others had arrived earlier. The first to reach base camp was Syah clocking in at 2 hours 10mins, followed by Jun Hwee and Dawindar (Raj). They practically ran throughout the trail the rain started to pour at 4pm and many behind us got drenched but all of us finally made to the base camp! Well done!

Back at Laban Rata - We stayed at the Laban Rata Guesthouse and a buffet dinner was provided as part of the package. The spread was really good but we didn't take any photos of the food as we were starving and tired! Soon it was time for us to get some sleep, at around 8pm because we had to wake up again at 1.30am for the summit climb. After this morning meal, we set-off for the summit at 2.30am.



Practise layering! You'll start removing layers by layers as you climb. When you're nearing the summit, most of them had to layer again as it got really cold again!

It usually rains during the summit climb, but we were blessed with good weather.



The biological and geological terrain throughout the journey is enough to flip your brain but the view from Low's Peak is the ultimate grand finale.

Soreness - A great conquest means nothing without a bit of post-victory soreness! You will be too sore to walk for the next few days, but hey, we did it! Bravo!

so WHO'S the STAFF OF THE MONTH?

Our staff of the month is draftsperson **Mohd Hanif Bin Ramli** or commonly known as just "Manja" among his colleagues and friends. He has been a VERITASian since December 2009. **Kate Ker (KK)** gets in-depth info about **Hanif Ramli (MM)**.

KK: What inspired you to join VERITAS?

HR: I was looking to turn figments of my imagination into reality. I asked around which company would make this happen and the answer was VERITAS.

KK: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now?

HR: I am currently working on ETQA Tower at Jalan Bangsar, M101 at Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, Kampong Bharu, Bungalow 3 Tingkat at Jalan Bukit Sepuluh, Sepuluh Height and Wekajaya at Jalan Desa Kijara, Mukim Batu.

KK: What is your favourite building and why?

HR: My favourite project is the new AIR ASIA RED-Q. It was such an honor to be part of the design team for Air Asia.

KK: What's your favourite thing about VERITAS and Why?

HR: Ice-cream and Pappathi's miel!

KK: What are your interests/hobbies?

HR: I am an avid biker, I enjoy my weekend ride and someday I will make my way to the Trans-Siberian Extreme challenge.

KK: Do you have a message to all VERITASians?

HR: We have the unique opportunity to shape a better world. Seize it!

KK: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?

HR: A place to satisfy your passion

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

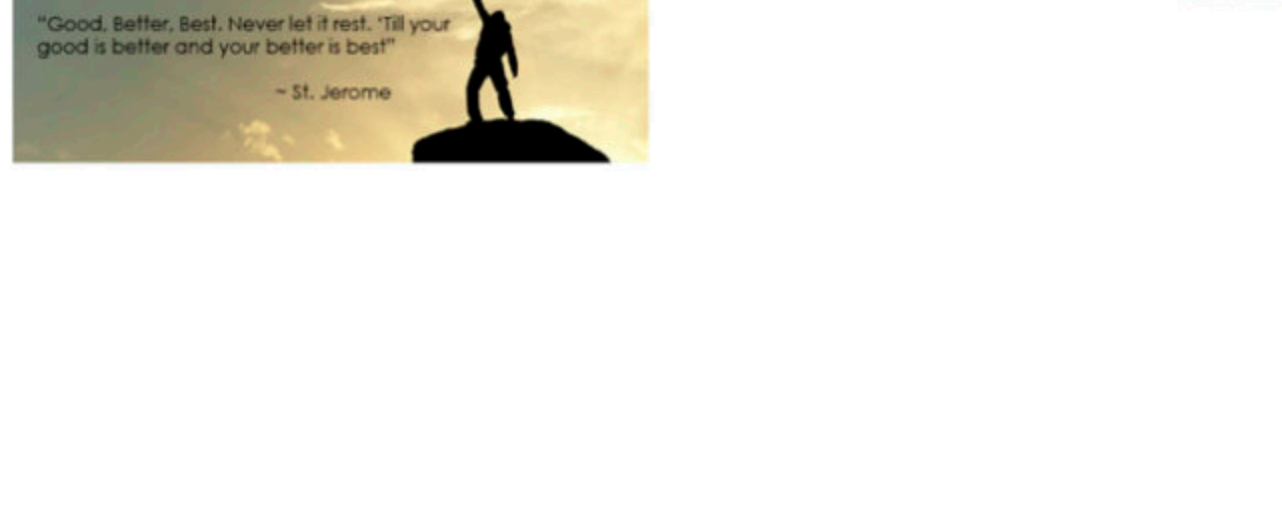
WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Megat Arzuhan Abbas, Syuqran Naim B Shamsuddin, Pan Chee Seng, Zawika Binti Ab, Kadir, Syed Saleh B, Syed Abu Bakar, Wong Jun Hoe, Azalina Shafiqi Binti Shaari, Azalina Shafiqi Binti Shaari, Sarah Bt Kamal Hamidun, Chui Yee Kwan, Saiful Azhar B Md Hilm, Lee Chun Shann, Wong Cheng Fai, Nurul Ain Ishak, Lum Lai Wan, Michael Tan, Suhaimi Bin Mohd Yunus, Idris Pathan, Nur Quratul Aini Abdul Jamaludin and Sifli Norjihan Jamaludin.

BUNDLES OF JOY

Congratulations to VERITAS Johor Bharu Amira Bee Binti Abdul Aziz and his husband Mohd Rafie bin Abdul Aziz on the arrival of their **adorable** baby boy Aryan Rizqi bin Mohd Rafie born on 8th November 2016.

Congratulations to VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Khairul Azwan B Zainuddin and his wife Indak Makiati Bt Hasbullah on the arrival of their **gorgeous** baby girl Nur Ariana Kayyisa Khairul Azwan born on 13th November 2016.



"Good. Better. Best. Never let it rest. 'Till your good is better and your better is best"

- St. Jerome