

Hello Everyone! Have a wonderful month ahead!

In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature VERITAS' various **corporate social responsibility programs**.

We are also pleased to feature many other exciting events such as the **VERITAS Lecture Series 11 seminar**, our last **quarterly meeting** for 2017 and the **VERITAS Sports and Social Club Futsal Tournament**.

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?



"The world is very diverse, you can't roll through it like a bulldozer."

CEO MAGAZINE
VERITAS Group President David Hashim was featured in the November 2017 issue of CEO Magazine. The article featured the **professional journey David has taken from since 1987**. It highlighted his reflections on the founding of VERITAS and his experience bringing the firm to where it is today. He also mentioned VERITAS current ongoing projects such as the Oxley, Star Residence and the recently completed project Tribeca.

VERITAS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS

"At VERITAS, **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** is reflected in the collective **commitment and accountability of all our business operations**. Due to the diverse business nature of the Group and its widespread design operations, VERITAS continuously strives to inculcate and embed CSR into its value chain, taking into consideration its responsibilities and the expectations of its stakeholders. It is a commitment that goes beyond regulatory compliance and ethical business behaviour. The three key platforms for our CSR activities are the **VFE, VLS and CARE Scheme**."

VERITAS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE (VFE)

The **VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) in Design Education** was founded in 2004 by the VERITAS Design Group to further our **core values** of constant innovation, commitment to design excellence and social responsibility toward the built environment. The fund arose from VERITAS' **vision to encourage more design students and educators** to excel in their respective fields and eventually contribute further toward nation building as designers and educators.



VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) have conducted many activities and projects throughout the years such as:

- Mangrove tree planting, Kuala Selangor
- Kuala Lumpur Free Hall "adopt a park" programme
- VERITAS Nepal earthquake fund
- Refurbishment of Kampong Medan flats
- "25 trees for 25 years"
- Scholarship programme with Taylor's University
- Korea study trip for landscape architecture students
- Port Dickson beach clean-up
- 100 trees planting project



VERITAS LECTURE SERIES (VLS)



The lecture series was founded in 2007 as a one-day seminar that delivers a lecture or series of talks. **The main objective of the series is to present useful industry information and unique learning experiences to our Clients about subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry.** The VLS event is a yearly event that touches on architecture and design related subjects.



VERITAS CARE SCHEME

COST AWARENESS sustainability initiative towards the ENVIRONMENT. The CARE scheme is an **environmental sustainability initiative** which was launched in 2007 and which has been practiced by VERITASians ever since.



How CARE is practiced in VERITAS?

- We recycle paper, plastic and aluminum cans and the arising monies are transferred to the CARE fund.
- We benchmark electricity consumption by average usage per month. Then, for a particular month, if the usage is less than this average cost, the Company reimburses the savings to the CARE Fund.
- We encourage our staff who drive to work (those who are given company petrol cards) to smaller engine cars. Penalties are imposed on the owners of large engine capacity vehicles and these monies are deposited into the CARE fund.
- We encourage car-pooling or use of public transport and monies saved from payments to the Car Park Management are re-imbursed to the CARE fund.
- The monies collected in the CARE FUND are then paid-out quarterly to those VERITASians who use public transportation.

Through this social and environmental responsibility initiative, VERITAS is **contributing to environmental sustainability** while **returning to deserving VERITASians** a part of what we have received in terms of support and goodwill from our Clients.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @VERITAS?

VERITAS QUARTERLY MEETING

On 4th November 2017, VERITAS held its Fourth Staff Quarterly Meeting for 2017 at the Menara Lembaga Getah Asli Auditorium. VERITAS Group President David Hashim gave a short yet inspiring introductory speech **encouraging all VERITASians to fulfill the spirit and the vision of the company.**



Thereafter, each SBU in VERITAS updated their respective projects while the VERITAS Fund for Excellence and VERITAS Sports and Social Club updated fellow VERITASians on their upcoming events. To coincide with this quarterly meeting **VERITAS celebrated Deepavali** with an arousing Bollywood dance performance by the newcomers, and finally we were treated with mouth-watering authentic Indian cuisine during the lunch buffet feast.

VERITAS LECTURE SERIES 11

The VERITAS Lecture Series or VLS is an **annual half-day conference sponsored by VERITAS**, the main objective of which is to **present useful information and learning experiences** to our Clients on subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry. It has been held every year since 2007



On 8th November 2017, this year's VERITAS Lecture Series was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center. VERITAS Lecture Series 11 was entitled "**Transport Oriented Development, compact connecting city-living**". The keynote speaker was Mr. Yusrizal Daoud from Suruhanjaya Awam Darat (SPAD) and other speakers were Firdaus Effendy Mokhtar from Prasarana, Ishmael Ho from Hom Chin Soon Sdn Bhd, Dennis Eiszele from Jacobs Engineering, Matthew Holloway from Grimshaw Architect and Principal Ng Yiek Seng from VERITAS Design Group.

FUTURE THINKER 2: SABD DESIGN FORUM



On 9th November 2017, Architect Dr Miguel Angel Robles from VERITAS panelled a forum entitled Future Thinker 2: SABD Design Forum at Taylor's University. The Forum serves as a **platform for intellectual discourse** through design between students and lecturers of the Architecture and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Architecture programs at Taylor's University.

VERITAS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (VSSC) FUTSAL TOURNAMENT 2017



On 11th November 2017 the VERITAS Sports and Social Club(VSSC) organized a Futsal Tournament at Centre Mart Setapak. Around 40 VERITASians took part in the event. The first prize was RM300 cash followed by second prize of RM 200, third prize of RM150, fourth and fifth place of RM100. The sporting price won by Tribe E, second prize by Tribe I and Tribe S, A and D for third, fourth and fifth place. Congratulations to all VERITASians who took part in the tournament **demonstrating great sporting spirit and team work.**

VERITAS VIETNAM COMPANY TRIP



On 29th October 2017, VERITAS Vietnam organized a small trip to Mui Ne beach. It was a three-day trip joined by 12 VERITASians and their family members. Many activities were organized during the trip such as competitions for pool billiards, swimming and karaoke.

SO, WHO ARE THE NEWCOMERS AT VERITAS?



Beatriz Gil Fuente Architect VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
Phang Kai May Account Executive VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
Mohd Razif Draftperson VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
Noor Marina Receptionist VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
Au Ming Jun Assistant Architect VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (JB)

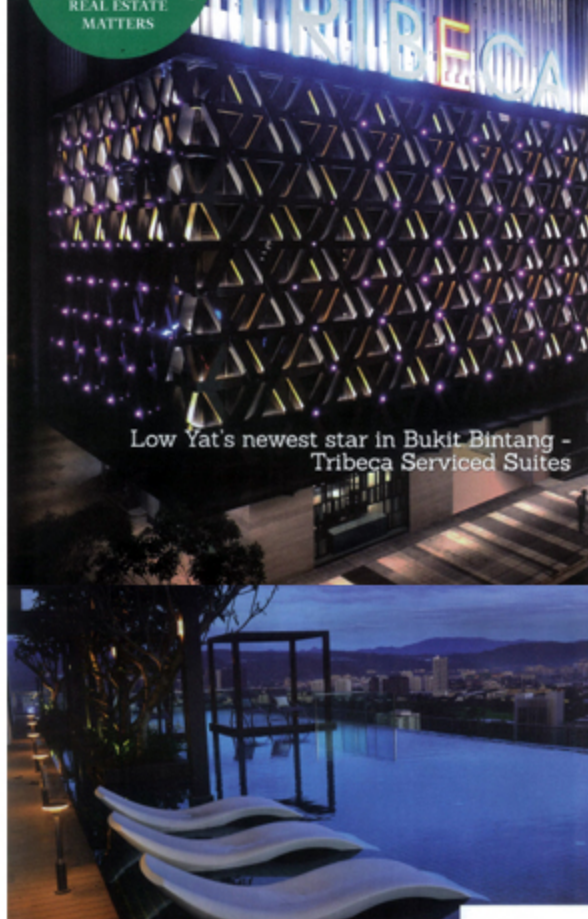


NANYANG SIANG PAU

On 5th November 2017, **VERITAS Architect Chong Wei Li** was featured in the Nanyang Siang Pau Newspaper. The article was entitled "**extraordinary designs**" and emphasised the importance of quality architecture. Wei Li mentioned that architecture is like a bridge between people and culture. He also quoted the challenge in **something new**. The article also highlighted VERITAS' projects Lampu and the YTL Stonor tower on which Wei Li is currently working.

EDGE FINANCIAL DAILY: DESIGN TRENDS OVER THREE DECADES

On 16th November 2017, **VERITAS' 30 years monograph** was launched at the KLCC Convention Centre during the VERITAS Lecture Series 11 event. The article featured the key people in the creation of the monograph which is a **compilation of VERITAS' key projects over 30 years**. The monograph was the successful outcome of teamwork by Komathi Ramakrishna, Hairul Pardi, Azil Jaafar, Azlina Ismail and publisher Kenneth Khu of Kenneth Media.



Offering new experiences in the heart of the city

On 20th November 2017, the Edge featured the Tribeca Serviced Suites. Tribeca is a **mixed-used development** located in Bukit Bintang, an area that practically never sleeps. The article shined light on the project's location, design and range of facilities which make it **one of the most convenient and exciting places** to stay in Kuala Lumpur.

THE EDGE: LOW YAT'S NEWEST STAR IN BUKIT BINTANG - TRIBECA SERVICED SUITES

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SO WHO IS THE MONTH OF THE MONTH?

Our staff of the month is **Architect Chong Wei Li** or commonly known as just "**Wei Li**" among all VERITASians. He has been with VERITAS since early 2015 and his main passion is martial arts sports. **Wei Li (WL)** shares his story with **Venusha Ganasan(VG)**:

(VG): How would you describe working in VERITAS?
(WL): Every day I face different challenges. But I learn from these challenges, such as complex design issues, crazy Clients, on-site problems and tight deadlines.

(VG): What is your design philosophy?
(WL): To me, architecture should be culturally responsible. Good design must be responsible and solve the nature of the problem; either from the site, the user's needs, or the environment.

(VG): If you get a chance to rebuild any of the current iconic buildings in Malaysia, which one would it be and why?
(WL): It is very hard to define "iconic". The Eiffel tower was once hated by the French but it is now their national pride. I believe all buildings have their own story which grows day by day.

WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - NOVEMBER
4th Suhaimi Abdul Ghani
8th Megat Arzuan
10th Zawika
11th Syed Salem
15th Azolina Shofini
19th Nasiruddin Bin Ideris
20th Chui Yee Kwan (Caroline)
24th Lee Chun Shane
26th Nurul Ain Ishak, Lum Lai Wan (Jenny)
27th Michael Tan, Siti Nurjihan Jamaludin
28th Suhaimi Mohd Yunus

BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to VERITASian Phang Mun Kien and his spouse Jesslyn Tan on the arrival of their new born joy named Chbe Phang on 5th November 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce that VERITASian Artheswaran Selvaraj and Ponnishree (Ponni) got hitched on 30th October, 2017 at Salem, India. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."



- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.