

Ho Ho Ho!!! Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to present some exciting projects being undertaken by our VERITAS Penang office.

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.



MAIN NEWS

● VERITAS PENANG

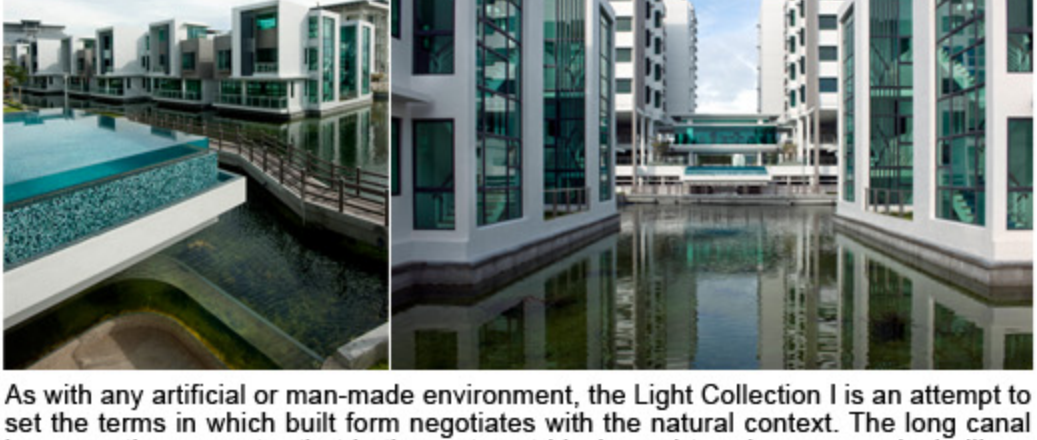
VERITAS Penang was established in 1994, originally occupying a small office at Komtar Tower. In July 2008, VERITAS Penang moved its office to Menara Boustead on Northern Road. The Penang team are undertaking many exciting overseas projects including resorts in the Maldives and office buildings in Vietnam. It is also handling numerous luxury developments throughout the Northern region of Malaysia. With over 20 personnel, VERITAS Penang is evolving into Penang's leading architectural practice under the very capable leadership of Principal Eric Tham and associate Ben Lee.



● THE LIGHT COLLECTION I, JELUTONG, PENANG



The Light City is a mega mixed-development project located on reclaimed land near the Jelutong Expressway IJM Land. The Light Collection is the name of the 1st phase of the residential component of the development, which is divided into 4 separate parcels, each with a different theme and residential mix.



As with any artificial or man-made environment, the Light Collection I is an attempt to set the terms in which built form negotiates with the natural context. The long canal becomes the separator that both apartment blocks and townhouses overlook, like a long, linear courtyard. This body of water is directly linked to the canal that leads to the open sea. The purpose of this is to permit both typologies to experience the changing tides of the sea, effectively bringing the waterfront into the confines of the development via this canal. The Light Collection 1 was completed July 2013.



● PENANG SENTRAL, BUTTERWORTH, PENANG

Penang Sentral is the main transport terminal on the north of Seberang Prai, Butterworth connecting Penang Island and Seberang Prai. The hub includes retail, commercial and residential components set to take advantage of the strategic location of the project.



The shape of the building is long and linear to increase the area of interface between the highway and the vehicular drop-off.

Along the length of this linear form much of the building's mass is elevated off the ground to maintain a visual connection between the waterfront and inland roads on the other side; a strategy that maximizes the reach and potential of the waterfront. The project is currently in the design stage and is scheduled for completion by the end 2015.

● THE MARRIOTT MALDIVES, GAAKOSHIBEE ISLAND, MALDIVES

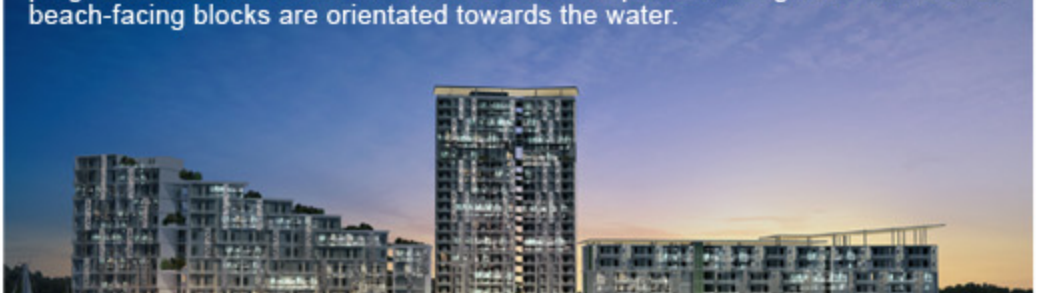
Gaakoshibee Island in the Maldives is a tropical paradise fringed by pristine beaches and dense tropical vegetation, encircled by a reef rich in exotic marine life. Set in this backdrop of tropical splendor, the JW Marriott-retreat is to be a 5-star resort comprising water villas, a fully integrated spa, diving and water sports centers and several dining and entertainment outlets; That there would be only 100 rooms to this 18-hectare island attests to the sanctuary of seclusion this resort intends to aspire.



The design of the retreat seeks not to conquer the landscape but to glorify the exalted harmony of the parts which make up the whole of the realm of Gaakoshibee. The project is currently on hold.

● ANGSANA TELUK BAHANG, PENANG

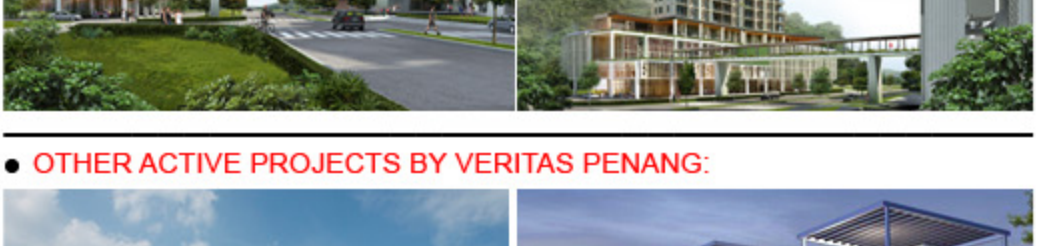
The site is located at the far end of the Batu Feringghi stretch of luxury beach hotels. A pedestrian bridge linking both sides culminates in a 5-storey pavilion overlooking the living room below, evoking the urban typology of a townhouse, albeit one with a floor to double-volume ceiling view of the water. The project is currently in the design stage and is scheduled to be completed by 2015.



Due to the imperative to maximize the number of attainable water-facing villas, the Water Villas is designed with a long footprint, with a mezzanine 'loft' bedroom floor overlooking the living room below, evoking the urban typology of a townhouse, albeit one with a floor to double-volume ceiling view of the water. The project is currently in the design stage and is scheduled to be completed by 2015.



● OTHER ACTIVE PROJECTS BY VERITAS PENANG:



● RESIDENTIAL
Bukit Dumbar Residence
Bellevue Proterites Sdn. Bhd.

● RESIDENTIAL
Tropicana Residence, Chennai
Rajeshwari Foundations PVT. LTD

● COMMERCIAL
Mix Development Lot 3513
Pearl Island Development

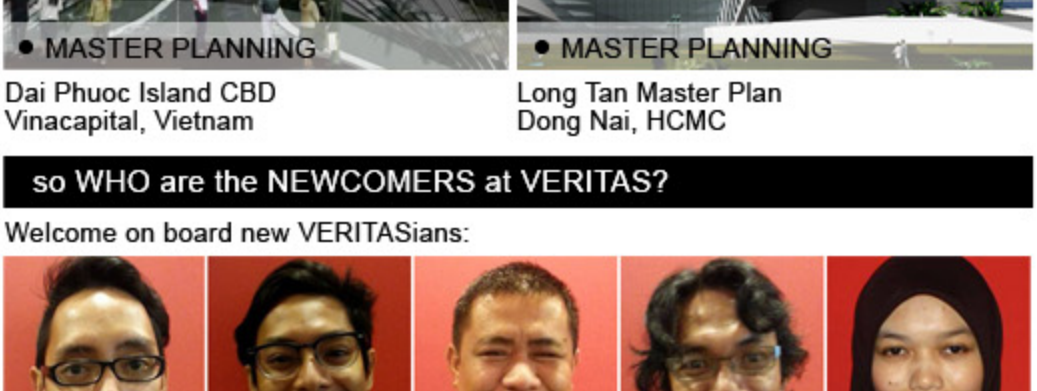
● COMMERCIAL
KTC Kulim Commercial Center
Bellevue Properties Sdn. Bhd.

● MASTER PLANNING
Dai Phuoc Island CBD
Vinacapital, Vietnam

● MASTER PLANNING
Long Tan Master Plan
Dong Nai, HCMC

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Welcome on board new VERITASians:



● RESIDENTIAL
Saza Nurlyana
Asst. Architect
Veritas Johor

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VERITAS IN THE NEWS



● MATRADE - 'From Zero to Hero'

'From Zero to Hero' is a coffee table book recently published by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) that features business success stories of visionary Malaysians and their contributions to the international business community. This coffee table book features 4 pages of VERITAS' projects, services and global activities.

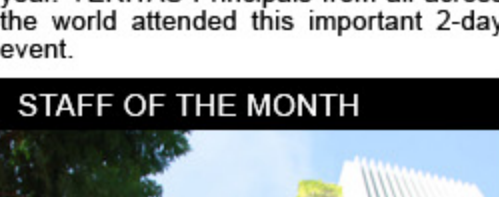


● HOME & APARTMENT TRENDS MAGAZINE - Spotlight on Malaysia Focus on Sustainable Living

Some of VERITAS' recently completed residential projects: the Light Collection 1, 10 Damansara and Tribeca Tower were featured in a 8-page article in the Home & Apartment TRENDS Magazine - 'Leading by Example'. The projects were chosen based on their high degree of "green design features" to achieve low-energy solutions.



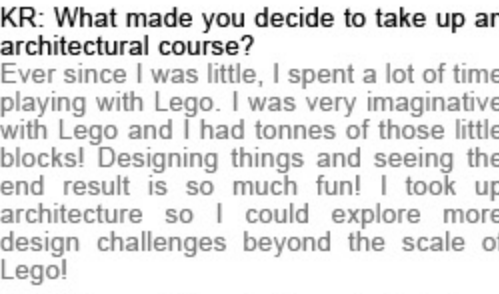
Is there anything HAPPENING?



● VERITAS MANAGEMENT RETREAT

On 7th & 8th December 2013, the VERITAS Design Group held its 2nd Management Retreat for 2013 at the Cyberview Resort & Spa, Cyberjaya. The purpose of the bi-annual 2-day retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and business plan for the 2014 year. VERITAS Principals from all across the world attended this important 2-day event.

STAFF OF THE MONTH



Nur Hidayah Yezid is commonly known as "Ida" among staff and friends. She was born in 1983 and has been working with the VERITAS Architects Penang office since 2008 as a Senior Architect.

KR: What made you decide to take up an architectural course?
Ever since I was little, I spent a lot of time playing with Lego. I was very imaginative with Lego and I had tonnes of those little blocks! Designing things and seeing the end result is so much fun! I took up architecture so I could explore more design challenges beyond the scale of Lego!

KR: Tell me a little about a project that you are working on right now.
I'm currently working on the Trehaus in Penang. It's a residential project consisting of a 12 storey condo and 26 units of landed houses. It is for IJM Land Bhd.

KR: What has been your proudest moment working in VERITAS?
The proudest moment I have experienced in these 6 years is to see one of my designs constructed; the JW Marriott Resort and Spa in the Maldives. I get to see the villas built on site and of course I got to go to the Maldives!



KR: What is your favourite building and why?
I don't have anyone in particular, but I love buildings that are minimalist in design but yet serve the community well like some of the public housing in Singapore, The Pinnacle is a good example.

KR: What are your interests/hobbies?
Is shopping a hobby? other than shopping, I love to taking photos and posting them on Instagram.



KR: What is your future plan with VERITAS?
I'm planning to get my PAM part 3 soon and get to work more on bigger scale Commercial projects.

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?
Challenging and the best working environment I ever had!

KR interviews her close friend Ben Lee (BL)
KR: Can you describe a little about Ida?
BL: ah.... this is tough. Ida is very friendly, dedicated and is a perfectionist. And she can be so wacky at times!!

WHO got MARRIED this month?



We would like to congratulate our architect, Nur Laila Izyan and her spouse Muhammad Hussein on their recent marriage. The 'Bersanding' ceremony was held on the 1 December 2013 at the bride's residence in Jawi, Seberang Prai. Best wishes to the newly wed couple!!

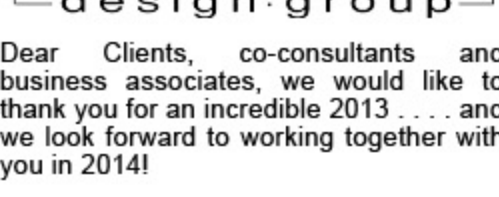
BIRTHDAY GREETING

For December 2013 we would like to wish a warm Happy Birthday to:-

Mohd Shah Bin Jaffar, Abusman Bin Setta, Mohamad Zahir Bin Abu Bakar, Syed Hamid Sha Bin Syed Hussein, Mohamad Fauzi Mohamad, Edward Chew Fook Kong, M. Azril, Shamsuddin Wahap, Karl David Massey, Ong Boon Keong, Tan Ai Lin, Helmi Mohd Nor, Syarifah Nadirah Syed A. Rahman, Zainab A. Rauf, Ainazura Zuber, Zafirah, Shakthee Kumar A/L Subramaniam, Syahril Nizam Kamaruddin, Mohd Fauzee Yusof, Tong Siew Chee, Fakhrol Haziq Bin Ismail, Mohd Zar Bin Omar, Musripah Binti Amkaromi and Norazizah Binti Mohd Salehuddin

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day."
~ Michael Josephson



Dear Clients, co-consultants and business associates, we would like to thank you for an incredible 2013... and we look forward to working together with you in 2014!