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December 2018 enewsletter

**HO HO HO! It's the most wonderful time of the year!**  
**VERITAS wishes everyone a joyous Merry Christmas and Very Happy New Year**

In this month's E-News, we are delighted to feature VERITAS' newly promoted **Associates** and **Senior Associates**. Congratulations to them all!

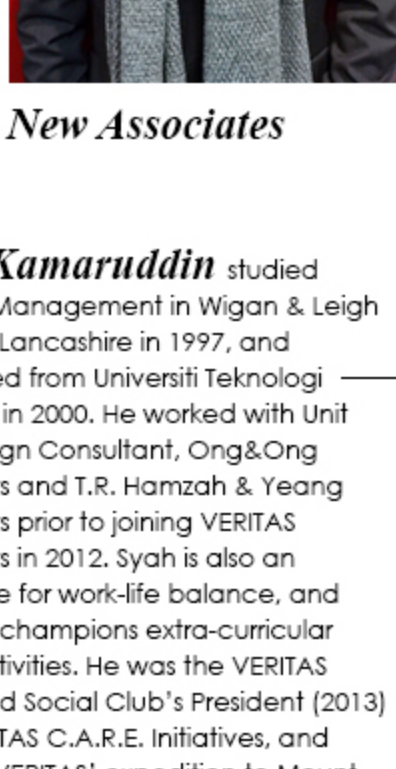
We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news! And please don't hesitate to **contact us** if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.



**Miguel A. Robles-Cardona** graduated as an architect from the School of Architecture of Seville, Spain, in 2009, as one of the top students in his class. He got his Master's Degree in Theory and Practice of Architectural Design with specialization in The Modern Form in 2011 and his PhD in Architectural Design in 2014, both from the School of Architecture of Barcelona. Miguel is currently playing a relevant role in one of the signature projects at VERITAS, Oxley Towers KLCC, which completion is targeted by 2022. Miguel has widely spoken on design in several universities in Spain, Italy and Malaysia, as well as participated in several local design-conferences and forums since his arrival in Malaysia in 2015.

**New Associates**

**Choong Wei Li** obtained his first-class honour in Bachelor Architecture studies from both Curtin University and Limkokwing University, he was then the Principal Lecturer in charge for Architecture Design & Communication in Limkokwing University before joining VERITAS Design Group in 2015. Choong's design works have been recognized by the over 10 local and international Design awards since 2006 that includes the recent 1st Prize winner of PAM-Lafarge Affordable Housing Design and the finalist for PAM TSCSL Award. Choong is now one of the Associate in charge of Design Core in VERITAS Architect Kuala Lumpur.



**New Associates**



**Syah Kamaruddin** studied Building Management in Wigan & Leigh College, Lancashire in 1997, and graduated from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in 2000. He worked with Unit One Design Consultant, Ong&Ong Architects and T.R. Hamzah & Yeang Architects prior to joining VERITAS Architects in 2012. Syah is also an advocate for work-life balance, and regularly champions extra-curricular activities. He was the VERITAS Sports and Social Club's President (2013) and VERITAS C.A.R.E. Initiatives, and head of VERITAS' expedition to Mount Kinabalu in 2016. He is a Committee Member of Malaysia Ultra Runners Association, and regularly competes in ultra-trail and triathlon events.

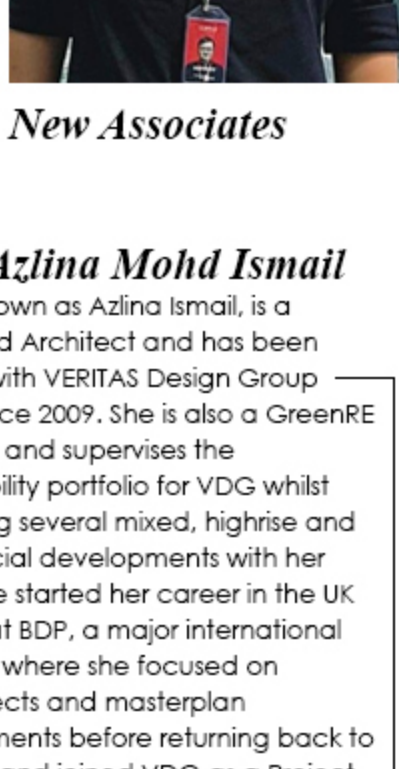
**Senior Associates**



**Phang Mun Kien** graduated from the University of Tasmania, Australia in 2012. Since after graduation, he has decided to serve his home country and started work in Pentagost Studio before decided to join VERITAS in 2015. Phang is an active corporate member of the Malaysian Institute of Architects and was involved with the Media, Research and Public Relations Committee for the promotion of architecture within the country. Within the office, He became an Associate in year 2018 under the business development portfolio. Phang is interested with complex high-rise residential projects and mix developments.

**New Associates**

**Lau Yin Hon** better known as Anthony Lau, is a Registered Architect and has been working with VERITAS Design Group (VDG) since January 2018. He is also pursuing his GBI Facilitator qualification and is active in Green Building Development agendas. He attended the 5-year degree course in University of Technology Malaysia (UTM) and graduated with First Class Honours alongside Dean's Award. He joined VDG, namely Veritas Architects Johor as an Architect and later progressed to the role of Associate until achieving his Part 3 professional qualification. With several major projects under his belt, Anthony aims to promote more sustainable developments within local and international context.



**New Associates**



**Noor Azlina Mohd Ismail** better known as Azlina Ismail, is a Registered Architect and has been working with VERITAS Design Group (VDG) since 2009. She is also a GreenRE Manager and supervises the Sustainability portfolio for VDG whilst managing several mixed, highrise and commercial developments with her team. She started her career in the UK working at BDP, a major international practice, where she focused on eco-projects and masterplan developments before returning back to Malaysia and joined VDG as a Project Architect. She later progressed to an Associate level and was recently promoted to a Senior Associate role, with several completed projects under her belt.

**Senior Associates**

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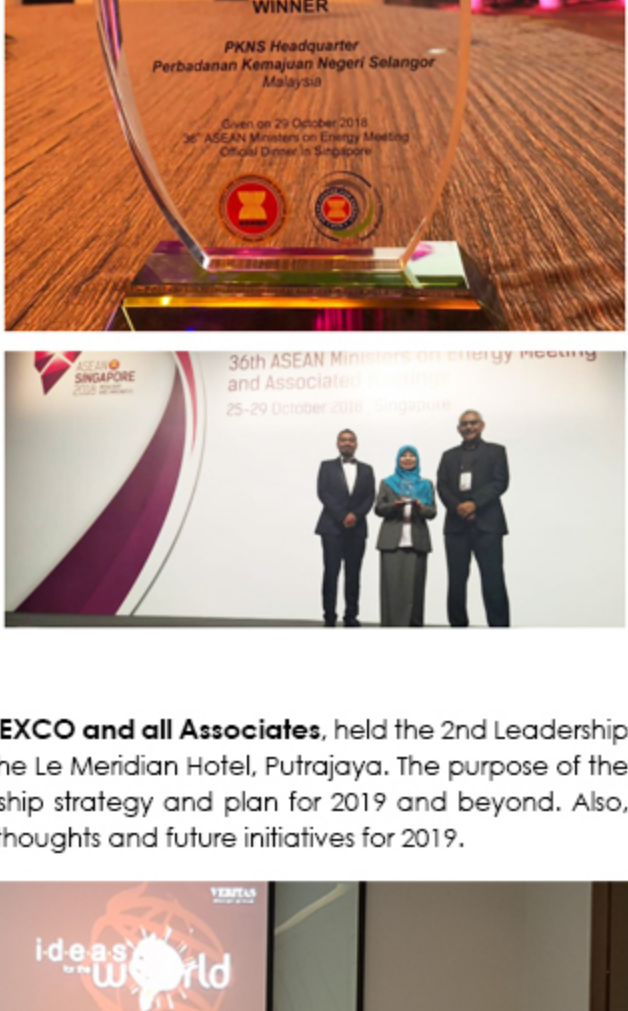
**Senior Associate**

**Alif Arif Iskandar** graduated from University of Sheffield and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and has had various working stints from Assistant Architect all the way to having his own practice as a partner in a design firm. His excellent breadth of experience includes a variety of project types from landed residential housing and small office all the way to 60-storey and 80-storey high-end residences and office towers. Projects of interest are the Star Residences on Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, a 3 Service Apartment Towers of 60 storeys each, where he's leading a large team of architects on a 1.79 million square feet of mixed development, and also Oxley Towers at Jalan Ampang, another 1.9 million square feet mixed development project consisting of 3 towers (35-80 storeys) of Office block, Retail mall, two 5-star hotels and Serviced Residences on a 3-acre site.

### What's Happening @ VERITAS?

#### ASEAN Award

On 29th October 2018, VERITAS received the **ASEAN Energy Award** for Energy Efficiency and Conservation for Green Buildings for the Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) headquarters. **Principal Azril Jaafar** attended the 36th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting held in Singapore to receive the award.



### Where Are We Featured

#### property

**Size doesn't matter** - The approach to an architectural project remains the same regardless of the scale.

**There are many** - The industry in Europe and Asia.

**A matter of perspective** - On the other hand, different perspectives can lead to different outcomes. It's all about the perspective.



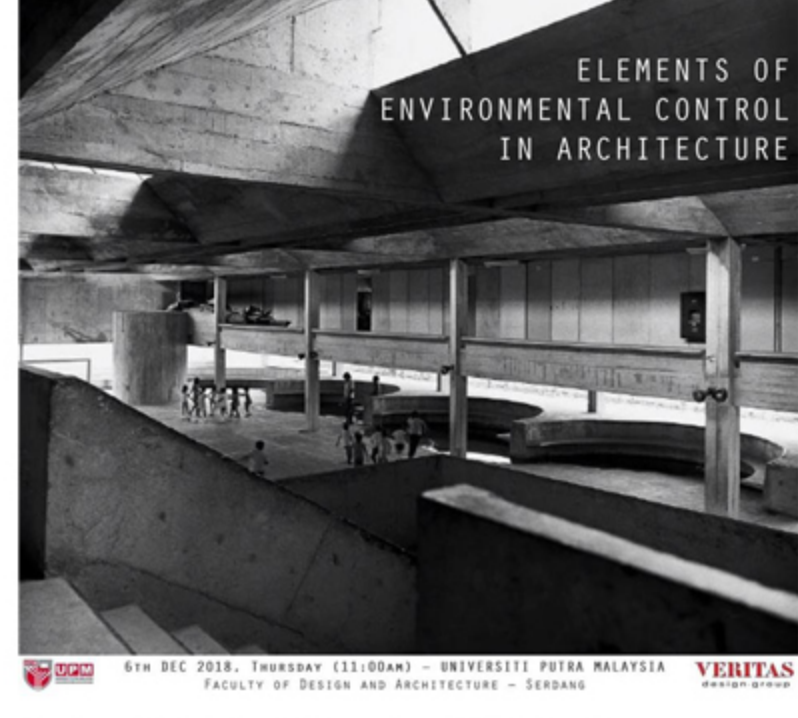
#### Leadership Retreat

The Principals of VERITAS including the Group EXCO and all Associates, held the 2nd Leadership Retreat for 2018 on 7th and 8th December at the Le Meridien Hotel, Putrajaya. The purpose of the 2-day retreat was to prepare a rigorous leadership strategy and plan for 2019 and beyond. Also, **guest speaker Tan Sri Krishnan Tan** shared his thoughts and future initiatives for 2019.



#### FocusM Newspaper

On 1st December 2018, an article by **VERITAS Associate Miguel Angel Robles Cardona** was featured in the FocusM newspaper. The article explained how to deconstruct complex realities to more simple entities to be easier understood and managed, and how to form from those the brain teasers of reality. This segmental approach to Architecture allows us to handle the macro projects clustering in the mega Asian capitals, and to understand the large practices and consultancies behind them.



#### Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Talk

On 6th December 2018, **VERITAS Associate Miguel Angel Robles** gave a talk on the topic of Elements of Environmental Control and Architecture at the UPM campus. Around 100 students and lecturers attended the talk.



**International Principals** from our London, Melbourne, Ho Chi Minh City and USA offices presented and all attendees made inspiring presentations of this year's performance and future plans. The formal interactions were balanced with fun-filled activities and vigorous presentations



#### Master Chef 2018

On 14th December 2018, **VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC)** organized the MasterChef Competition in Bangunan Getah Asli Café, sponsored by Bath+. 5 members from each VERITAS tribe took part in this cooking competition. They were asked to prepare an appetizer, main dish and a desert.



Towards the end of the competition the head chef was also asked to prepare fried rice within 20 minutes as the last obstacle of the competition. **VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay** and **Principals Azril Jaafar** and **Edward Chew** together with **Bath+ Business Development Manager Aina Shahri** judged the competition. Tribe 1 lead by Master Chef Alina Zuber won the first prize with their delicious Thai influenced cuisines.



#### VERITAS Christmas Party

On 21st of December 2018, the **VERITAS Management** organized our annual Christmas and New Year Party at Level 2 of the VERITAS HQ. We were joyously entertained by our very own VERITAS Santa Clause, after which a delicious buffet spread of local delicacies awaited us. In conjunction with our Christmas celebration, all VERITASians received Christmas presents.



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#### WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - December

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st Edward Chew, Mohd Azril           | 15th Aina Zuber                     |
| 2nd Azizuddin Shahdan                 | 17th Shakthee                       |
| 3rd Mohamad Zahri                     | 20th Mohd Khairil Izaidy            |
| 4th Tan Ai Lin, Anthony               | 21st Aminudin                       |
| 5th Helmi Bin Mohd Nor, Syed Hamid    | 22nd Syahril Nizam, Kamarul Hafeizi |
| 6th Shamsuddin Bin Abdul Wahap        | 24th Mohd Fauzee                    |
| 7th Choong Wei Li, Md Shah Bin Jaffar | 25th Song Pei Fen                   |
| 9th Mohamad Fauzi Mohamad             | 28th Mohd Far                       |
| 12th Zainab                           | 30th Anis Azmi                      |
| 13th Nurul Syazwan, Husman Bin Setta  | 31st Musipah                        |
| 14th Muhammad Zulkaamal               |                                     |

#### Newcomer



Muhammad Ismaezza Bin Mohd Ismael  
@ Account Assistant

Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other



-John F. Kennedy