

Hey Everyone! And welcome to 2019!

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In this month's E-News, we are delighted to feature a collection of recently completed projects by VERITAS Landscape Sdn Bhd, the landscape design specialist within the VERITAS group.

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.

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**VERITAS Landscape design group**

VERITAS Landscape Sdn Bhd was originally established in 1996 and known then as 'Gillespies (S' E Asia) Sdn Bhd'. In 2005, the practice was acquired by the VERITAS Design Group and re-branded as VERITAS Landscape Sdn Bhd. This practice is registered with the Institute of Landscape Architecture Malaysia (ILAM) and provides professional services in three core areas, landscape design, landscape master planning and urban design. The practice is headed by Managing Director Khalifah Jamaluddin with Associate Managerial Utang. The

**Pantai Tanjung Batu Bintulu, Sarawak**

Located at the shoreline of Bintulu in Sarawak, the site is 45-acres of public park. VERITAS was tasked to rejuvenate the existing facilities while exploring unused space at the beachfront to maximize usage of the park, especially during high traffic on weekends.

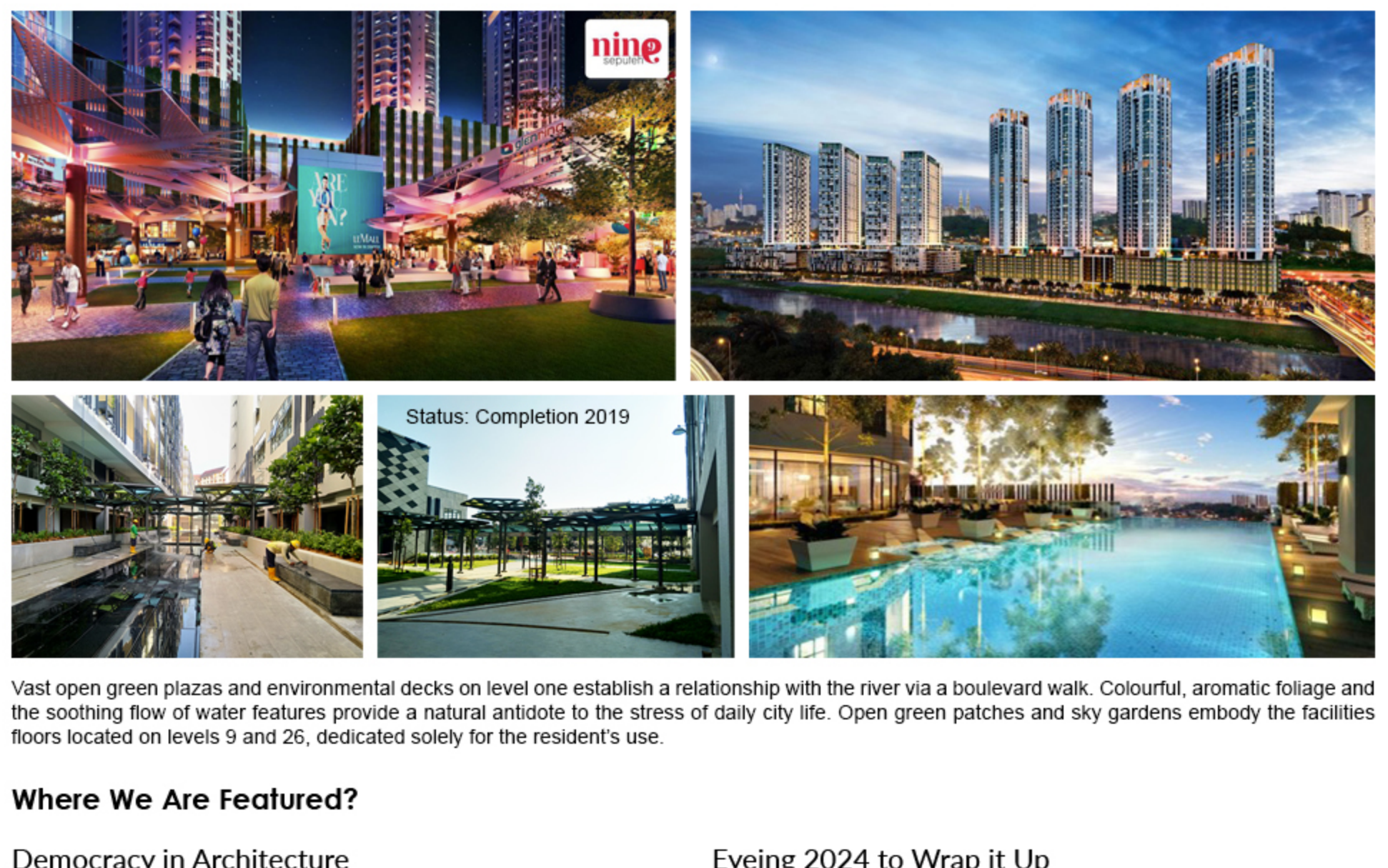


The design strategy was to create improved secondary access, enhance existing facilities while reinforcing vistas and new features to re-distribute the public traffic and avoid congestion.

The unused beachfront was accessed with friendly paths to allow the public to appreciate the natural rock formations along the beach.

**Tasik Ujana, Nilai Impian**

Nilai Impian is a mixed development comprising of landed houses, apartments and shop offices in the emerging township of Bandar Baru Nilai. VERITAS was assigned to enhance the 20-acre site with an iconic recreational lake including facilities such as open plaza, toilets and guard house, outdoor gym, children playground and jogging tracks to interconnect with the surrounding development.



The water-scaped environment forms the centrepiece of the project and the approach to the landscape design is one of modern contemporary influence complementing the existing setting.

Status: Completed 2018

**9 Seputeh**

Located next to the Klang River, 9 Seputeh is a mixed development which celebrates the riverfront. It comprises an array of four 44-storey apartment towers of a 13-storey SOHO suites and signature retail on the lower levels. Offering the best of urban living, the development balances its metropolitan setting by celebrating nature in all its forms.



Vast open green plazas and environmental decks on level one establish a relationship with the river via a boulevard walk. Colourful, aromatic foliage and the soothing flow of water features provide a natural antidote to the stress of daily city life. Open green patches and sky gardens embody the facilities floors located on levels 9 and 26, dedicated solely for the resident's use.

**Where We Are Featured?**

**Democracy in Architecture**

On 9th February 2019, an article by VERITAS Assistant Architect Roxas Yong Sng Zhe, entitled 'Democracy in Architecture' appeared in the FocusM Newspaper. The essay explained the 4th Industrial Revolution and the technological advancements that will allow the public to access the architectural design process. It also explored how architects should take this as an opportunity to serve the public in a more direct and intuitive way.

**Eying 2024 to Wrap it Up**

On 13th February 2019, VERITAS' project the Light Rail Transit 3 line was featured in the StarMetro Newspaper. The article highlighted the designs prepared by VERITAS for the new stations being built which will connect to the existing Glenmarie LRT station.



**Whats Happening?**

**VERITAS 2019 First Staff Quarterly Meeting**

On 16th February, VERITAS held its first Staff Quarterly Meeting for the year at the Menara Lembaga Getah Asli auditorium. Group President David Mizan Hashim gave a short but insightful introductory speech on the theme of VERITASians themselves being the most valuable assets of the company. Following this introduction, guest speaker Christina Anandep Gill Kaur presented useful tips on having the right attitude to achieve Excellence in the work place.



A short update presentation on the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) and VERITAS Social Sports and Club (VSSC) followed. The meeting ended with a CNY celebration lunch and ritual tossing of the Yee Sang (mixed ingredients) with shouts of "Loh Hey" which literally means to 'move upwards'.

Finally, a 4-hour professional training session was held on 'PAM Contract 2018 & PAM Contract for Minor Works' by Ms Tan Siew Im from Tan Swee Im, Siva & Partners, who is a senior lawyer specialising in construction law and arbitration.

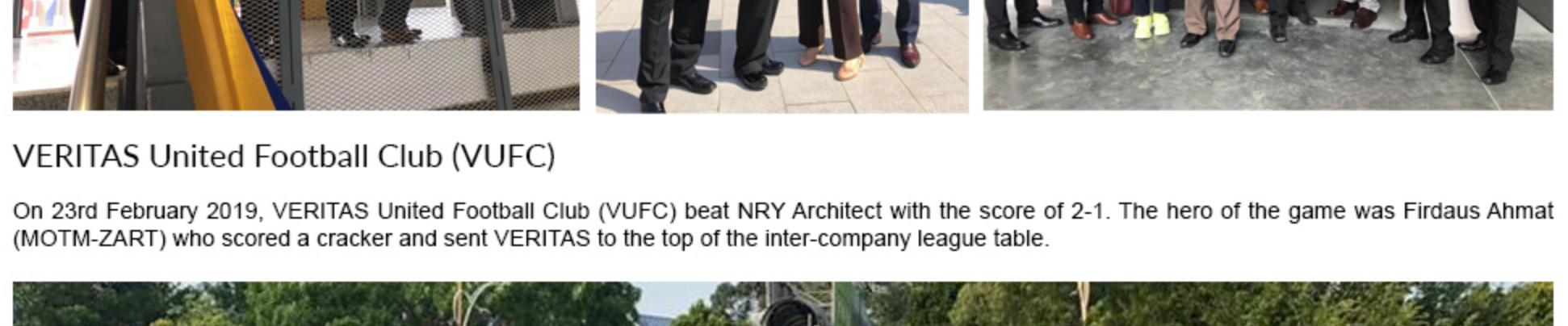
**Annual Dinner**

On 16th February 2019, the VERITAS Annual Dinner was held at the Royale Chulan Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the evening was "Grand Royal Night". Over 300 staff from the various VERITAS offices in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Johor Bharu attended this gala event which went on till early in the morning.

VERITASians were greeted by "Palace Guards" at the hall entrance and the "King of VERITAS" was proclaimed crowned by 4 sturdy men to the stage. The highlights of the evening were dance performances by VERITASians themed on the Ming Dynasty and Indian Palace.

The best-dressed winner for ladies was Meera Nazreen a.k.a. a Chinese Empress and for the gentlemen was Mohamad Sadeeq Mohamad Said a.k.a the King of Sohu.

Congratulations to all the winners!



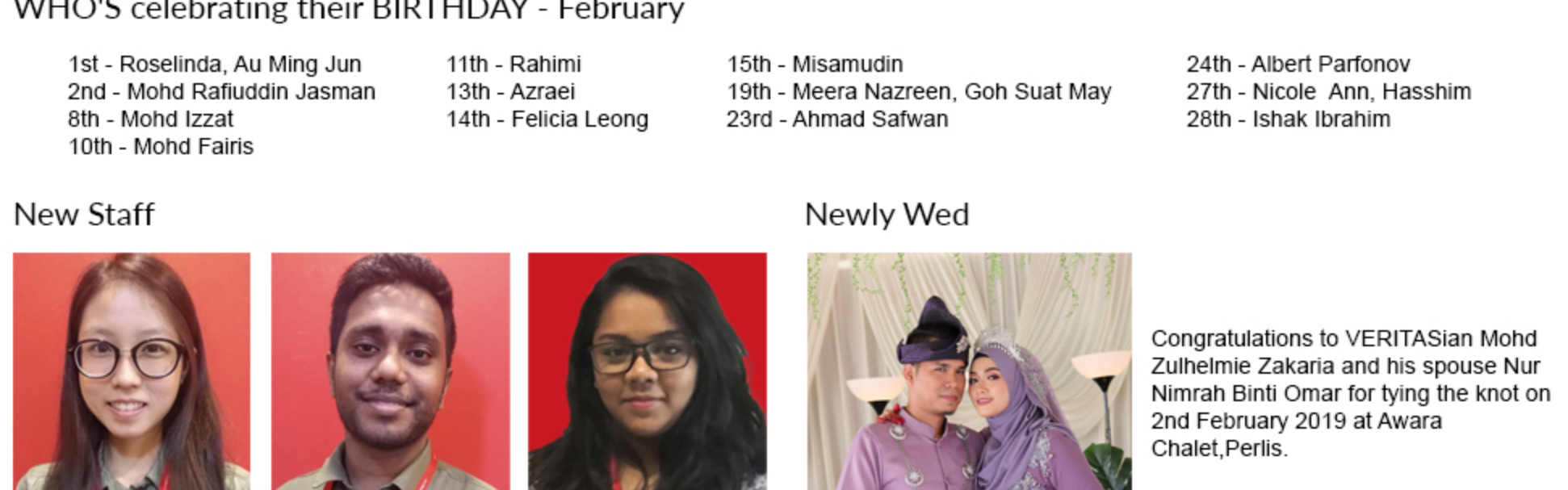
**Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) 2019**

On 21st February 2019, the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) Malaysia organised a conference entitled 'The Public Realm of Tall Buildings in Kuala Lumpur'. VERITAS Group President David Hashim made the introductory remarks while Vice President Lillian Tay was one of the key speakers, and presented on the topic "Reshaping the High-Density Landscape in Kuala Lumpur". VERITAS was also the silver sponsor of the event and part of the organizing committee.



**International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) Opening Ceremony**

On 21st February 2019, the new International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) in Ampang Hill was officially opened in a grand ceremony attended by Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Xavier Jayakumar, Minister of Water, Land and Natural Resources, and Ms. Teo Nie Ching, Deputy Minister of Education. Another successfully completed project by VERITAS in collaboration with HOK, UK!



**VERITAS United Football Club (VUFC)**

On 23rd February 2019, the VERITAS United Football Club (VUFC) beat NRY Architect with a score of 2-1. The hero of the game was Firdaus Ahmat (MOTM-ZAR) who scored a cracker and sent VERITAS to the top of the inter-company league table.



**Staff of the Month**

Our staff of the month of February 2019 is VERITASian Nurshafiqah Abdul Kadir, commonly known as 'Nisa Shafiqah' among her colleagues and friends. Shafiqah is currently holding the position of Landscape Architect in VERITAS Landscape Sdn Bhd and she has been with VERITAS for the past 3 years and seven months. Shafiqah (SK) shares her personal story with Yendutan Jusman (VGS).

(VGS): How would you describe working in VERITAS as a Mowie Title?  
(SK): Maze Runner! Working here is like being a runner in an intricate and deadly labyrinth with so many different trials and ever-changing hardships. Although this can be exhausting, I learn something new every day and the knowledge keeps expanding, but gradually I have become more capable and confident. And in this labyrinth, there is a community called the Gladiators, each with their own charms, are creative-minded and proactive, which perfectly describes a VERITASian.

(VGS): What's your passion or hobby?  
(SK): It's not really a passion, but I love singing, and I love cooking whenever I'm home early or on the weekends. I also enjoy movies and English drama series. It's a good mental rest and a great distraction from all the heavy responsibilities at work.

(VGS): As a landscape designer, what is your favourite feature/plant that you include in most of your designs and why?  
(SK): Recently, I have come to admire Diospyros Burhosa or Pokok Buncida Tikas in Malay. It is an ornamental tree, not too big and not too small, and the crown is slightly conical with dense canopy. I find it cute and have been using it a lot and even sharing photos of it with my colleagues. Other than that, I personally love the great lawn as a feature. I always regard it as a precious thing which personifies calm and tranquility.

(VGS): What inspired you to become a landscape designer?  
(SK): Rather than being inspired I think I was destined to be... haha! I have always wanted to be an Architect since middle school because of how cool it sounded but I didn't know Landscape Architecture back then. My first year as a Landscape Architecture student exposed me to the importance of outdoor environment and the nature of living things. I then realized that it is such an impactful and significant career to design the environment we live in. And of course, I love all the outdoor trips to beautiful places. Beaches, rivers, forests, parks, sky sunset... there is nothing more inspiring than the God's creations.

I want to become a Licensed Landscape Architect (LAr) and hold a more senior position at VERITAS.

I will keep on learning and enrich my skills and knowledge to be utilized for the betterment of myself and I dare say, the environment too.



**WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - February**

- 1st - Roselinda, Au Ming Jun
- 2nd - Mohd Rafuddin Jasmam
- 8th - Mohd Izzat
- 10th - Mohd Fairis
- 11th - Rahimi
- 13th - Azrael
- 14th - Felicia Leong
- 15th - Misamuddin
- 19th - Meera Nazreen, Goh Suat May
- 23rd - Ahmad Safwan
- 24th - Albert Parfonov
- 27th - Nicole Ann, Hashim
- 28th - Ishak Ibrahim

**New Staff**



**Newly Wed**



Congratulations to VERITASian Zulhimeh Zakaria and her spouse Nur Nimrah Binti Omar for tying the knot on 2nd February 2019 at Awara Chalet Perlis.

