



VERITAS e-news is a monthly on-line publication of features, news and events at VERITAS, a premier architecture and design firm based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. VERITAS e-news has a subscriber base of 3000 readers. FEBRUARY 2011

Gong Xi Fa Chai to all our readers!

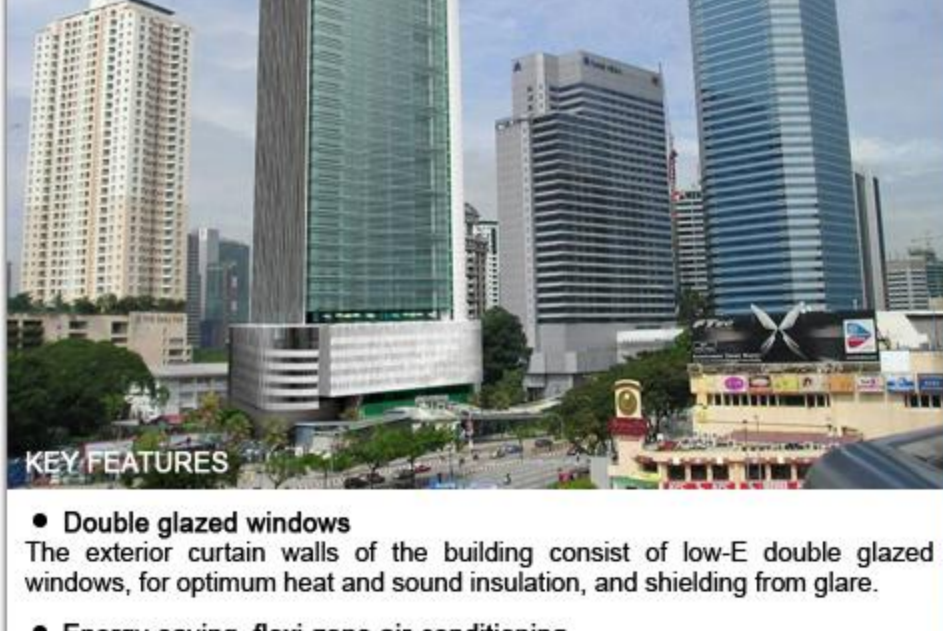
In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature our Menara Binjai tower in the context of "sustainability".

The Green Building Index (GBI) is Malaysia's industry recognized green rating tool to promote sustainability in the built environment and to raise awareness among Developers, Architects, Engineers, Planners, Designers, Contractors and the Public about environmental issues. Sustainable design is and has always been an important component of successful architecture, and we have always given it the fullest attention it deserves in our projects. In viewing our current work, we hope you will agree.

We shall also feature other interesting happenings here at VERITAS such as the lion dance that was held for the Chinese New Year Celebrations.

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/features here.

MAIN NEWS MENARA BINJAI (www.menarabinjai.com)



KEY FEATURES

- **Double glazed windows**
The exterior curtain walls of the building consist of low-E double glazed windows, for optimum heat and sound insulation, and shielding from glare.
- **Energy-saving, flexi-zone air-conditioning**
Instead of conventional air-conditioning, Menara Binjai uses a centralized water-chilled air-conditioning system with individual air handling units on each floor, and state of the art energy-saving green chillers. Thus, energy is efficiently utilized even when operating at partial loads. The office air-conditioning system is also equipped with VAV (Variable Air Volume) boxes to provide flexible zonal control for as little as 600 square feet of space. Air-conditioning for whole or part floors can easily be extended beyond normal working hours.



- **Destination-based lifts**
Besides providing additional security, the destination-based lift system allows customized floor selection to minimize waiting and stopping times, resulting in shorter travel times and excellent handling capacity at peak hours. The intelligent world-class Kone Ecodrive drive motors not only maximise lift efficiency, but enable up to 30% savings in electricity consumption.

- **State of the art, energy-saving lighting**
Energy saving light fittings with daylight sensor system can dim peripheral light fixtures during the brightest parts of the day, and be switched on when daylight level drop, or when activated by motion sensors after normal working hours.

- **Other green features**
 - * Usage of pre-and post consumer recycled materials where possible to minimize environmental impact.
 - * Water-conserving sanitary fittings, luxury eco-friendly toilets with seat-bidets.



Menara Binjai will be professionally managed as a single owner office tower, by leading international property managers. The building will showcase cutting-edge design, luxury, and ecological awareness.

Level 30 of the building will house a boutique gym, and is resplendent with a meticulously crafted Sky Garden – a testament to the developer's ecologically driven aspirations. These verdant, lush gardens provide an oasis for rejuvenation or even an informal venue for meetings.

A unique feature is the triple volume garden terrace on every third floor, which enhances the natural aura of Menara Binjai, while creating a magnificent green panorama that adds to its iconic presence.

As a world-class commercial development built to CONQUAS1 and CLASSIC2 standards, Menara Binjai also boasts Penthouse Offices at its three uppermost levels which have programmable express lifts, exclusive washrooms with showers, and superb unobstructed views of Kuala Lumpur cityscape.

- CONQUAS is the Construction Quality Assessment System introduced by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore since 1989 as a standard assessment system on the quality of building projects. Workmanship quality is inspected and assessed throughout the construction process and on the completed building.

- CLASSIC (Quality Assessment System in Construction) is a system set up by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) of Malaysia to measure and evaluates the quality of workmanship of construction works through site inspections by qualified assessors registered with CIDB.



Menara Binjai has been awarded the Singapore's BCA Green Mark Gold standard, as well as Malaysia's GreenBuilding Index (GBI) certification. Menara Binjai, KL's new Green Landmark Address for Sustainability is scheduled to complete by end of this year.

HAPPENINGS LION DANCE



VERITAS Architects held a lion dance on 17 February to inaugurate the Chinese New Year. VERITASians were entertained by a splendid performance and were later presented 'angpows' by our VERITAS Planning Principal Ng Yiek Seng.

VERITAS IN THE NEWS

NDTV – Donald Trump to build 60-storey tower in Mumbai

One of VERITAS' projects was featured in the Indian cable TV network the 'NDTV' news.

The 2 minute segment featured US billionaire real-estate developer Donald Trump on transforming the skyline of India's financial capital, Mumbai.

Trump is to develop a super luxury 69-storey tall "condo" in south Mumbai. The Trump Tower is expected to be launched next month and is to have 49 units across 69 floors, which will have one unit for every floor.

Read more at: <http://www.ndtv.com/video/player/news/donald-trump-to-build-60-storey-tower-in-mumbai/190079?cp>

ANNOUNCEMENT INDIA-ASEAN BUSINESS FAIR (IABF) 2011



VERITAS will be participating in the India-Asean Business Fair (IABF) Conference & Exhibition to be held at the Pragati Maidan Exhibition Center in New Delhi from March 2-6.

Please make a visit to our exhibition booth number 39.

More info : www.matrade.gov.my

ANNOUNCEMENT Menara Binjai - GBI Design Assessment Certificate



The Green Building Index Accreditation Panel (GBIAP) has awarded a Provisional GBI Certified Rating for the Menara Binjai. The office tower has also obtained Singapore's Green Mark Gold rating.

STAFF OF THE MONTH



February's staff of the month is Papathi Munisamy commonly known as "Paps" among staff and friends. She was born in 1967, and is married with 6 children. She is our "tea lady" and has been working with VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur since 2002.

Komathi Ramakrishna (KR) interviews Papathi Munisamy (PM)

KR: Can you describe your work experience at VERITAS?

PM: I have always wanted to live the life that I am enjoying right now. I like going to the same work place every day and meet my colleagues. This is what I do at Veritas and I enjoy working here.

KR: What's your everyday routine?

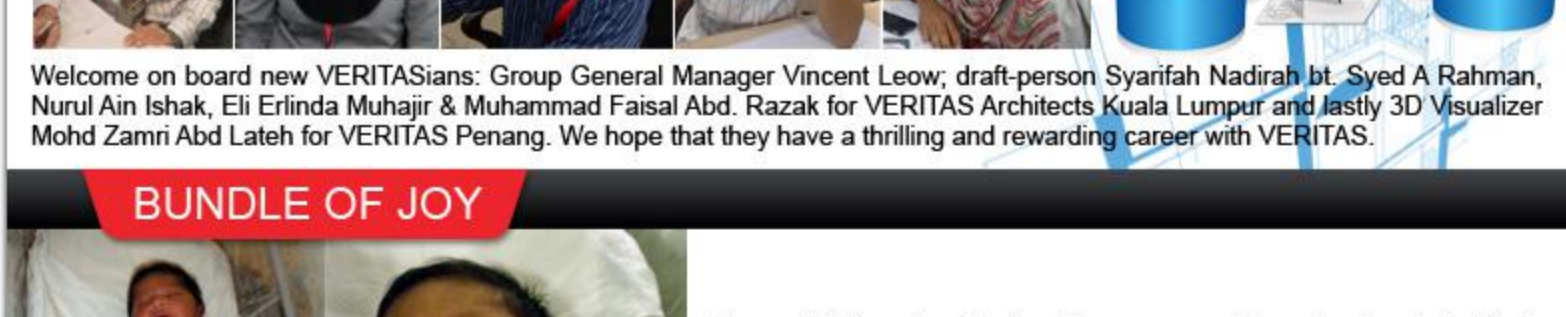
PM: Breakfast is served at 8am everyday; I'll make sure by 10am and 3:30pm everyday drinks are served for the staff.

Paps can be described as a very jolly, friendly and dedicated person. Her hobbies consist of listening to music and reading books.

Next time when you visit us, you likely will be served yummy hot beverages by Papathi.

Her favourite quote is "Life Is like a Box of Chocolates... You Never Know What You're Gonna Get!"

NEWCOMERS



Welcome on board new VERITASians: Group General Manager Vincent Leow; draft-person Syarifah Nadirah bt. Syed A Rahman, Nurul Ain Ishak, Eli Erlinda Muhajir & Muhammad Faisal Abd. Razak for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur and lastly 3D Visualizer Mohd Zamri Abd Lateh for VERITAS Penang. We hope that they have a thrilling and rewarding career with VERITAS.

BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to the Regina Thangam and her husband Gobinath Krishnasamy on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Bethany Lea Gobinath born on 7th February 2011.

Best wishes to the proud parents!

BIRTHDAY GREETING

For February 2011, we would like to wish a warm Happy Birthday to:-

Aquarius (January 21 – February 18) ~ Nordiany Mohd Ali, Iskandar Razak & Felicia Leong Bee Shim

Pisces (February 19 – March 20) ~ Hasrulzaimy Ismail, Arman Abd Hamid, Wong Chun Meng & Nor Hashim Mohd Nor

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Battles in life are never won..... Life's a continuous business and so is success, and requires continuous effort."

~ Margaret Thatcher, British former prime minister

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"I want you to draw up plans for a city that can be built in a day."