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Hello Everyone! Just like in spring, March was a month full of love, joy and peace!

In this month's E-news, we are delighted to feature one of VERITAS' ongoing projects: the **Imperial Lexis Hotel and Apartments**. We are also pleased to feature many exciting events of VERITAS such as our **Chinese New Year Celebration, Women's Day Celebration** and many other interesting activities.

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.

IMPERIAL LEXIS HOTEL

Jalan Kia Peng, Kuala Lumpur



The Imperial Lexis will be a **55-storey mixed-use development** located along Jalan Kia Peng in Kuala Lumpur's Golden Triangle district.

The site is strategically located due to its proximity to Kuala Lumpur City Centre, other prestigious developments and the new KVMRT line. The mixed-use single tower development consists of high-end residential and luxury hotel components, a 7-storey podium, rooftop amenity level with swimming pool, a four level below grade parking deck, and ground and mezzanine floor entry lobbies.

The site is also accessible from Changkat Kia Peng and on the South of the site is located the sky lobby with restaurant and lounge spaces, a grand ballroom with pre-function and support spaces, amenity level with spa and an outdoor swimming pool. All hotel guest rooms will be equipped with exclusive outdoor pools and terraces, and the pool edges will create a distinctive façade language. **The building's façade represents a "wave"** that can be seen from the glass pool, attached to every guest room.



The overall layout is a simple rectangular plan, conforming to the narrow site, but is skewed to create a dramatic gesture in keeping with the overall design intent and to allow maximum visibility towards KLCC.

The introduction of Kuala Lumpur's first cantilevered glass 'Sky Loop' on the 51st storey will offer an unimpeded view towards KLCC and provide an experiential journey being suspended in the air. This facility is complimentary to the sky bar at Level 51 and 52 alongside the swimming pool, gymnasium and spa.

What's Happening @ VERITAS?

Chinese New Year Party

On 28th February 2018, VERITAS held its annual Chinese New Year party in Lembaga Getah Asli Building. VERITAS welcomed the "dog year" with a traditional lion dance and performance by the "Cashen, God of Wealth". Delicious Chinese cuisine was served after the "Lion Song" ceremony.



VERITAS Baking Class



On 4th March 2018, VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized a baking class which was held in the Silver Chef Creation Culinary School, Setapak. Thirty VERITASians attended the class and enjoyed making extremely delicious pastries that are not commonly found on everyday dinner tables. They were taught step by step procedures to bake Hokkaido Cheese Tarts, Japanese Crispy Cream Puffs and Red Velvet Macarons.

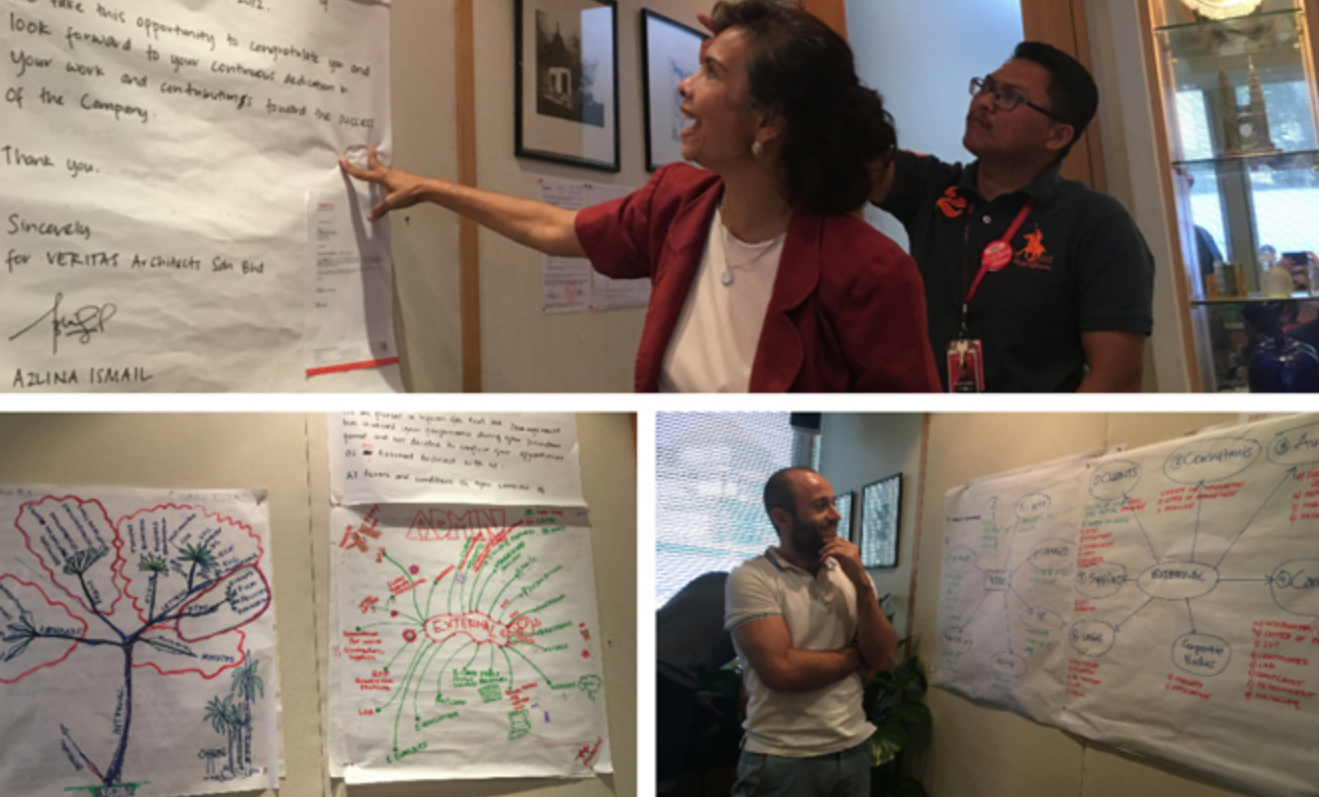
Women's Day Celebration



The willingness to listen, the patience to understand, the strength to support, the heart to care and to just be there.

To commemorate Women's Day in Bangunan Getah Asli. There were cakes and awards were presented to several VERITAS women for their accomplishments in the firm. VERITAS Johor Bahru and VERITAS Penang joined the occasion through skype call.

Effective Business Writing Class



On 9th and 10th March 2018, VERITAS management organized an effective business writing class designed to train management staff and architects to understand the importance of proper communication especially in a business environment using the skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing and body language to deliver their message effectively. The two-day class was attended by 16 VERITASians.

Asia Young Designer Summit 2017/18

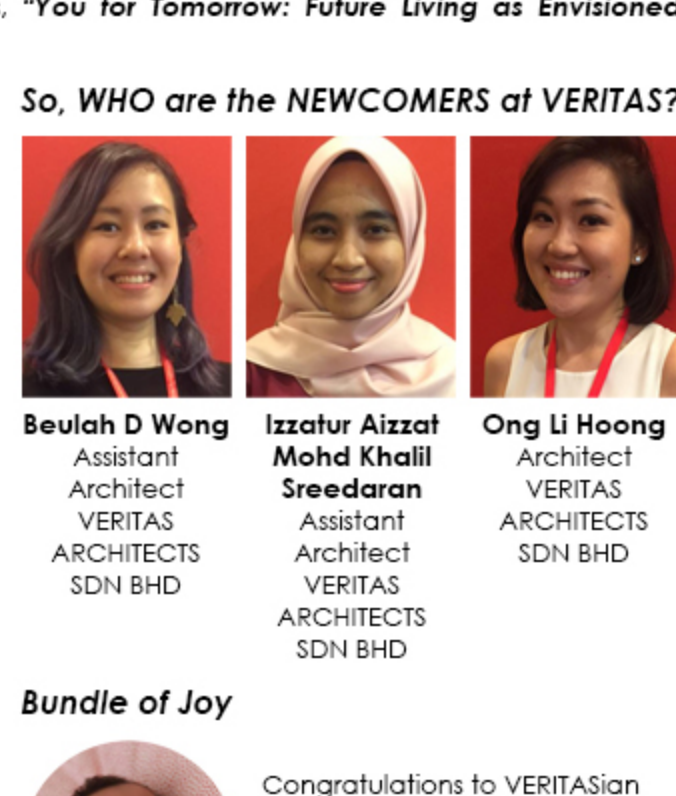


On 15th March 2018, VERITAS' Architect Dr Miguel A. Robles judged the Asia Young Designer Summit 2017/18 awards. The event was organized by Nippon Paint and it is the 10th edition of the contest. It was the grand finale in which all the winners of both the Architecture and Interior Design categories from 13 countries in Asia competed for the much-coveted Asia Young Designer of the Year recognition. The young talents were judged by a team of industry experts from across the region, aiming to engage and broaden their horizons. The Summit's theme was, "You for Tomorrow: Future Living as Envisioned Today".

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY ~ March ~

- 1st Zulhelmy B Shahib
- 3rd Md Noor Faizal Hassan
- 5th Wong Chiang Her
- 9th Mohd Faizal B Abdal Rahman, Thrigunadewi A/P Sivasubramugam
- 10th Thavir A/L Pichai
- 12th Nuruleyana binti Ramli
- 14th Abirami A/P Anandarajah, Mohd Zairi Bin Mid Isa
- 18th Miguel Angel Robles Cardona
- 19th Sam Ying Jie
- 20th Mohamad Sadeeq Bin Mohamad Said
- 24th Jennifer Runai Anak Lipa, Nur Amira Binti Abdul Aziz, Ezid Nur Riezam B Zambr
- 28th Yi Zhi Yew
- 29th Chong Yeh She, Issey
- 30th Poo Sah Yaong
- 31st Samsudin B Zainal Abidin @ Mohamed, Muammar Adam Sabli Bin Mohd Taufik

So, WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Beulah D Wong
Assistant Architect
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

Izzatul Aizat Mohd Khalil Sreedaran
Assistant Architect
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

Ong Li Hoong
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD

Bundle of Joy
Congratulations to VERITASian Mohd Firdaus and Spouse Siti Hajar for the arrival of their baby girl Nur Aaliqah Faiha bt Mohd Firdaus on 13th March 2018.

Congratulations to VERITASian Mohamed Fareeq Bin Alias and spouse Nur Asmyra Bt Mohd Jamil for their new baby boy Nur Irdana Sumayyah Bt Mohamad Fareeq on 10th March 2018.

Where Are We Featured?



Going underground for mega projects

On 2nd March 2018, VERITAS' Associate Syah Kamaruddin was featured in the property section of the Focus newspaper. The article was about optimizing the ground level of projects by diverting traffic networks underground. He explained that developers would be willing to invest in such passage-ways to ensure that the landscape areas are optimized and the car-pedestrian conflicts are eliminated at ground level while at the same time reducing air pollution.

Harian Metro: Pembangunan Diimbangi Kehijauan

On 11th March 2018, VERITAS Landscape's Project, 10 Damansara was featured in the Harian Metro newspaper. The article emphasized the importance of landscape for city-living and how lush greenery brings comfort to the urban living environment.

DAVID MIZAN ON PEOPLE THE FUTURE

On March 2018, VERITAS Group President, David Hashim was featured in Malaysian Business Magazine. The three-page article was about the success story of VERITAS as it has evolved since 1987 from a humble architectural practice in Kuala Lumpur to an international multi-disciplinary design firm.

Art Exhibition by PeRupa

On 16th March 2018, VERITAS Interiors' Managing Director Shamsuddin Wahap was the guest of honor to officiate the opening of an art exhibition at Balai Seni Lukis Negara. This event was organized by PeRupa a group of young budding artists from all walks of life (doctors, lecturers and housewives). VERITAS Interiors commissioned some of these artists' works for the recently completed Delhi High Commission which was successfully purchased by the Malaysian Government.

UTAR ARCHI - Interactive Camp 2018

On 18th March 2018, the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) President and VERITAS Associate Azalina Shafiq and the VERITAS Head of Corporate Communications Kamath Ramakrishna attended the closing event of UTAR ARCHI-INTERACTIVE CAMP 2018 at University Malaysia Club House. VERITAS was the silver sponsor for this event. This Camp was organized by Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia (UM) and was endorsed by Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM).

So, WHO IS THE STAFF OF THE MONTH?



SK: What is the main inspiration behind your successful career and healthy lifestyle?

SK: Work-life-balance. In my years doing endurance running I learned to always challenge myself, endure all distances, to commit to an adventure and see it through to the finish line. It applies to my family-life, work and sports. It's a trait I have instilled into my kids to set their goals and achieve them.

VG: Do you think VERITASians need to be more active in sports?

SK: Absolutely! Well, everyone benefits from physical activity - employees gain from the health advantages of leading an active lifestyle, and employers benefit by having a more productive and fulfilled team of fit players. Furthermore, teams that play together will create a stronger social bond. This improves trust which helps in overall working environment.

VG: Besides the current programs such as Boatcamp and VSSC sports activities, how do you think we can achieve 100% involvement of VERITASians in sports?

SK: I think VERITAS has been extremely supportive of its people to have a healthy and active lifestyle. With such a wide range of activities as Futsal, hiking and boot camp, VERITAS is already in the forefront in leading architectural practices to champion such an agenda. I believe that a company that sweats together stays together. But when it comes to promoting active lifestyle on the job, dedicating facilities in the workplace needs to be enhanced. For instance, more shower facilities, bicycle parking, and perhaps we could substitute work chairs for yoga balls! And maybe one day we could have our own VERITAS gymnasium and yoga room! I am sure these would be well used!

VG: If you were given a chance to change anything in VERITAS, what would that be?

SK: Perhaps flexible working hours where we start work at 10.30 a.m., and finish at 7.30 p.m.? We usually work longer hours anyway, so it helps to clear mornings off for exercises, so that kind of stuff out of the way, and escape being in slow traffic.

VG: I think it's great ideal!

