

VERITAS DESIGN GROUP

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.

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Greetings to all our readers!



In this month's e-news, we will feature one of our latest initiatives; the recently established Melbourne office of VERITAS Architects Australia Pty Ltd and two of their hospital projects. VERITAS Architects Australia led by principal Anton Alers, provides specialist architectural expertise in the fields of Health Care, Residential Care and Retirement Living to complement the extensive capabilities of the Veritas Design Group. VERITAS is committed to continually improving the standard of expertise in this important area, and this newly formed international office is testament to this objective.

We are also pleased to provide an update on recent activities of the 2nd Quarterly Staff Meeting, and other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS.

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.

VERITAS ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA Pty Ltd

VERITAS Architects Australia; based in Melbourne, is one of the country's newest architectural practices and brings together over 50 years of combined architectural expertise of its founding Principals. VERITAS Architects Australia forms part of the larger international Veritas Design Group which has offices in Malaysia, Vietnam and the UAE with a staff of over 200, comprising architects, quantity surveyors, landscape architects and interior designers. Anton Alers is a founding director of VERITAS Architects Australia and he brings to the Veritas Group over 25 and he brings to the Veritas Group over 25 years of international architectural experience across a wide range of projects, with over a decade of experience in healthcare and aged care projects.



ASSUNTA HOSPITAL

<http://www.assunta.com.my/>

Located in the older part of the Petaling Jaya district, Assunta Hospital is a long established medical institution.

This project comprises additions to the existing hospital building and the rehabilitation of the old structure.

The additions consist of a separate carpark wing comprising 6 carpark floors and 2 service floors located along Jalan Assunta and a new 6 storey medical wing with new specialist clinics, operating theatres and wards.



The original Assunta Hospital was an iconic building designed in the Modernist style. The new wing retains these modernist qualities by keeping the lines of the building clean and minimal. The overall form of the new wing's frontage echo the old frontage's massing but clad in white aluminum panels and long glazed fenestrations.



Horizontal sun-shading elements fringe the glazed surfaces to reduce sun exposure. The language of both old and new are of the same structure but different syntax. The planning layout of the new addition attempts to seamlessly complement and integrate new additions into the framework of the old building. Assunta Hospital was completed in 2004.

PERAK COMMUNITY SPECIALIST HOSPITAL

<http://www.pcsh.com.my/>



Veritas Architects has been working with the Perak Community Specialist Hospital in Ipoh since 2004 to develop a number of masterplan options to replace the current outdated facilities. Various siting options have been explored and the current masterplan effectively replaces the existing facilities with a new clinical services and inpatient ward wing behind the existing historic buildings.



The Stage 1 New Wing comprises 120-bed inpatient wing, operating theatre complex, ICU & HDU, Specialist Clinics, Pharmacy, Radiology Unit and support facilities. Stage 2 involves the renovation & expansion of the Shaw Wing as a 3-storey Specialist Clinic Wing and new main entrance. The incorporation of atria and open covered linkways are a feature of the design, introducing daylighting and visual connectivity into the complex.

Redevelopment of the art-deco Shaw Wing as a Specialist Clinic Wing provides a new lease of life to the existing building. New façade elements embrace the historic Shaw Wing and original hospital. This, combined with a renovated landscape designed to maintain the grandeur of the original hospital will present the rejuvenated hospital to the public as a progressive modern centre of healthcare excellence. It is currently in design development stage.



HAPPENINGS

2nd Quarterly Staff Meeting



VERITAS held its 2nd Quarterly Meeting for 2011 on 9th April, at the Menara Lembaga Getah Asli Auditorium. The meeting kick-started with a warm welcome to all new staff who recently joined the VERITAS family.

There was a special guest appearance by Paul Jambunathan, a clinical psychologist, and a lecturer at Monash University, Sunway Campus, who enlightened us on "Mental Hygiene". He spoke extensively about the quality of mental health and covered issues such as interpersonal effectiveness and personal developments.

HAPPENINGS

University College Sedaya International (UCSI) Lecture Series

On 6th April, VERITAS Architects' Principal Azril Amir Jaafar gave a talk on a session, entitled "Fitting Function and Public Domain within Sustainable Design", at University College Sedaya International Campus.

Azril shared his expertise and opinions on the Green Building Index and Veritas Environment Sdn Bhd's green building projects.

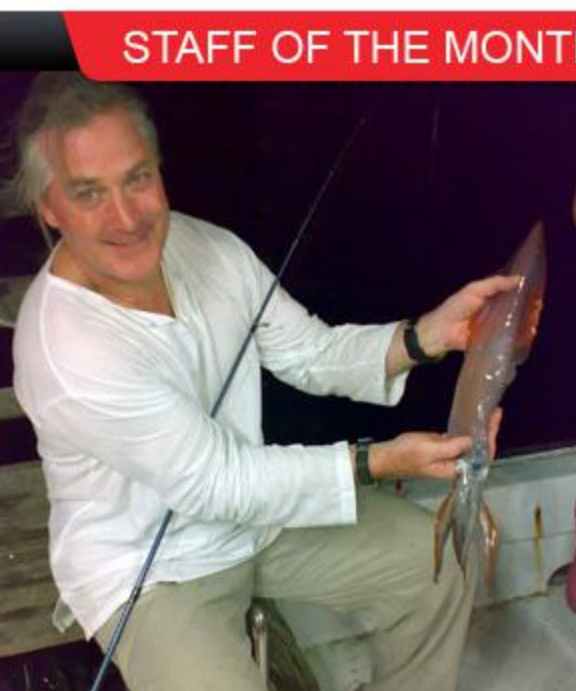


ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERITAS Staff Retreat

We would like to inform our Clients and business associates that our office will be closed for business on the 30th of April till 2nd of May 2011 due to our Annual Staff retreat to.....Desaru Beach Resort in Johore! We shall resume business on the 3rd of May, (Tuesday).

STAFF OF THE MONTH



Anton holds a Masters Degree in Architecture from Melbourne University and is a registered architect in Australia, the UK, Malaysia & Vietnam. He has particular working experience in Australia, United Kingdom, Singapore, Malaysia & Vietnam. He is married to Christine and they have a 19 year old Alex and a 17 year old Tanya. His hobbies consist of scuba diving and listening to music.



What is your favourite quote? I don't go for quotes! Life's too complex for just one quote (unquote!)



His project experience includes Healthcare Masterplanning, Healthcare design, Hospitals and Medical Centres, Aged Care Facilities, Retirement Villages, Retail Design, Hotels & Resorts, Residential Projects & Boutique Homes, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning.



This architectural experience in a global context enables Anton to effectively apply the latest international healthcare design practices to a local context and successfully work with client groups from various backgrounds to establish a high degree of engagement with each project.

Anton's hospitality design ability gained on significant international hotel and resort projects combines with analytical planning skills developed on complex hospital projects to enable a creative approach to healthcare projects. Functional requirements and efficient planning are thus infused with design elements to enhance the built environment.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome on board new VERITASians: project architect Bakri Abdul Rahni; draft-person Aff bin Nahrul Khair, Nurul Amirah ED Osmera, Nursuhaila Abdullah, Muhammed Syawal bin Abdul Malik and Mohd. Saiful bin M. Said; assistant architect Mohd Shaffri Mohd Azami for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.

We hope they will have a long and rewarding career here at VERITAS.



BIRTHDAY GREETING

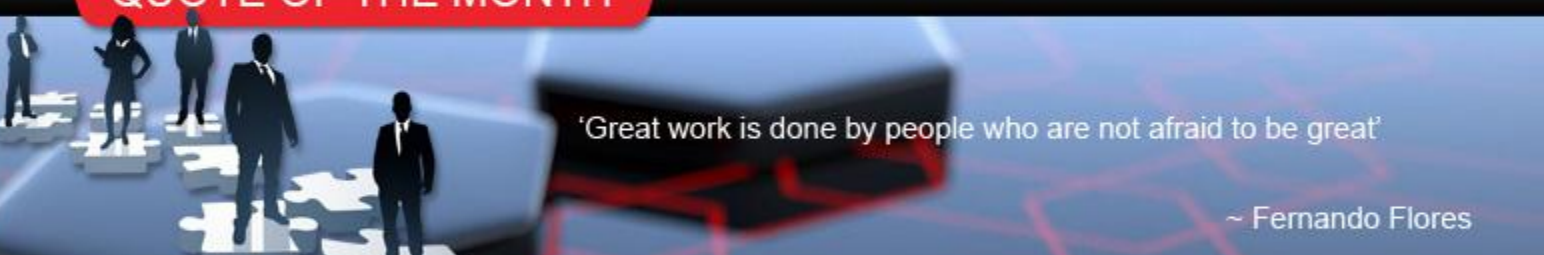
For April 2011, we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-

Aries babies (March 21 - April 19) ~ Suaijat Vettivanan, Nor Razaley b. Nordin, Mohd Sabri b. Ramlan, Keong Chwee Kim, Winston Ong, Nurhidayah Yezid, Hani Azilah Azmi, Norazlin Abd. Manaf and Sayed Sipulizam.

Taurus babies (April 20- May 20) ~ Lam Weng Hoong, Peggy Tan Yee Pik, Yusri Yahya, Carine Chin Kai Chian, Anizah Md. Md Ariffien and Yong Chew Wah



QUOTE OF THE MONTH



'Great work is done by people who are not afraid to be great'

~ Fernando Flores

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