

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 the health-care projects handled by VERITAS Architects Australia. Our Australia office, based in Melbourne and 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.

We are also pleased to provide an update on recent activities of the 2nd Staff Retreat, Management Retreat, Veritas Lecture Series 5 and other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS.

SUNGAI HIJAU HOSPITAL, Gombak, Kuala Lumpur

The hospital is located on the banks of the Gombak River. The area has a chequered social history as the site of a long established squatter area and to the west, a residential area that is bounded on one side by the Duke Highway and Jalan Puah, the main artery of Kampung Puah.



Partly in response to this, the planning of the project rides on the 'River of Life' project, an initiative by the local government to clean up the polluted Gombak River. A strong retail component runs through the areas that interface the river and the surrounding areas. This begins as a public thoroughfare that enters the building from street level at Jalan Puah and connects to the riverfront on the other side of the building in the form of intimate retail streets of shops and cafes, presenting a softer, more engaging face to the neighborhood.



The dramatic changes in level from riverfront to street-front becomes an opportunity to create a dramatic transition space in the form of a double volume atrium that opens up to the sky garden. It is currently in design development stage.

PANTAI HOSPITAL KLANG



Veritas Architects have developed the master plan and concept design to expand the current facilities to cater for increased demand for clinical services and warded accommodation on this challenging site.

New facilities comprise an additional wards and critical care wing, expanded operating theatre complex and centers of excellence for chemotherapy, endoscopy and physiotherapy.

The complexity of the integrating the new activities into an operational hospital have been addressed by strategic a design concept and staging plan and detailed interaction with the hospital and clinicians. With this upgrading, Pantai Hospital Klang will present to the public as a progressive modern hospital and centre of clinical excellence. It is currently in design development stage.

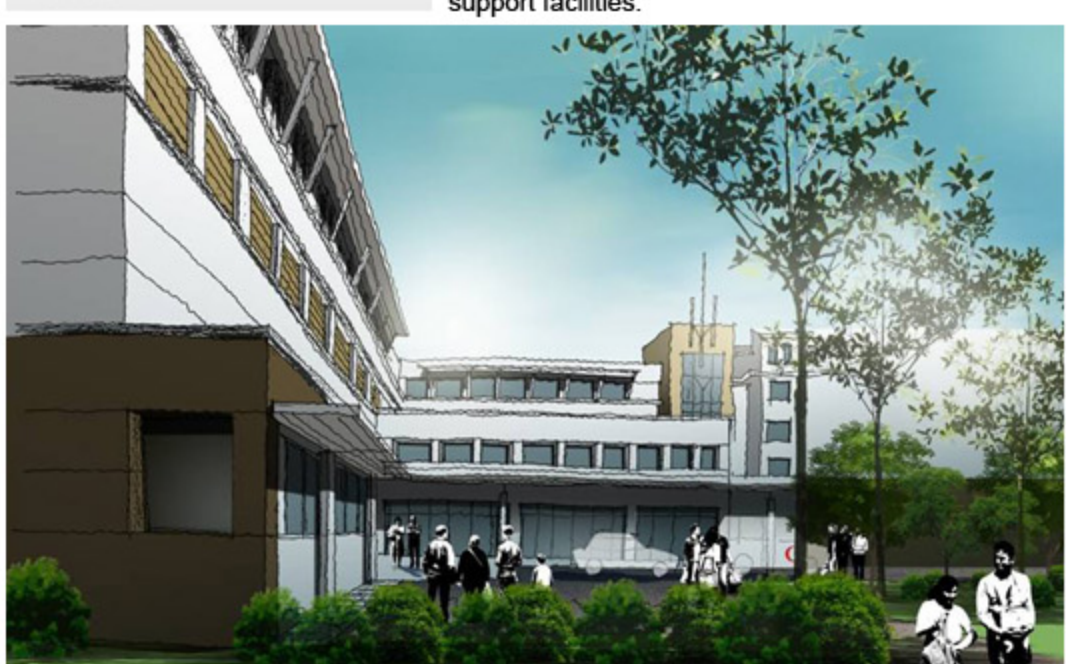


PERAK COMMUNITY SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, Ipoh, Perak

Veritas Architects has been working with the Perak Community Specialist Hospital in Ipoh since 2004 to develop a number of master plan options to replace the current outdated facilities. Various siting options have been explored and the current master plan 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 day lighting and visual connectivity into the complex. It is currently in design development stage.

ASSUNTA HOSPITAL, Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur



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 featuring 6 car park 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 overall form of the new wing's frontage echo the old frontage's massing but clad in white aluminium panels and long glazed fenestrations. Horizontal sun-shading elements fringe the glazed surfaces to reduce sun exposure. The planning layout of the new addition attempts to seamlessly complement and integrate new expanded operations into the framework of the old building. This project was completed in 2006.

so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH?

Zaniman Sulong was born on 4th of January 1977 and is married to Zulaikha Zolkiflee and she is an assistant architect at Prisma Athira Architect. They have 2 kids Muhammad Aqief Zuhair, 7 years old and the youngest Muhammad Dinie Zharif age 3 years old. Hoping for a girl very soon!!



He has been working with VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur since February 2012 as a project architect.

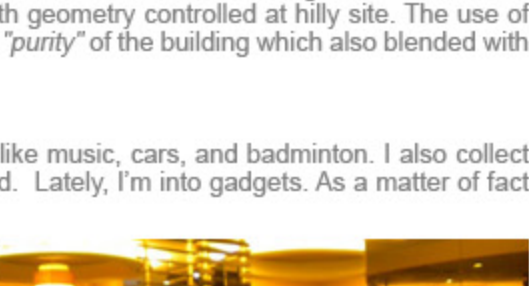
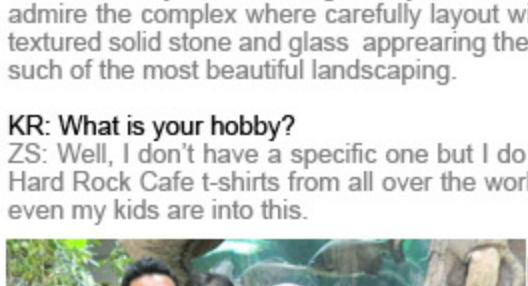
Komathi Ramakrishna (KR) gets in-depth info about Zaniman Sulong (ZS)

KR: Where did you graduate from, and when?
ZS: University Technology Mara in 2000.

KR: Why did you decide to become an architect?
ZS: "The main reason is being able to say one day "I designed that"

KR: What is your favourite building and why?
ZS: The Getty Center designed by Richard Meier. Located in Los Angeles, California. I admire the complex where carefully layout with geometry controlled at hilly site. The use of textured solid stone and glass appearing the "purity" of the building which also blended with such of the most beautiful landscaping.

KR: What is your hobby?
ZS: Well, I don't have a specific one but I do like music, cars, and badminton. I also collect Hard Rock Cafe t-shirts from all over the world. Lately, I'm into gadgets. As a matter of fact even my kids are into this.



KR: How would you describe VERITAS in less than 10 words?
ZS: It plays a significant role in designing buildings for the future.

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ZS: The Sg. Hijau Hospital, Pantai Klang Hospital and Glomac Centro 2.

KR: Do all hospitals always have to look like hospitals?
ZS: In my opinion, it is not a mandatory to have the "hospital look" but buildings for healthcare are buildings for people, patients, visitors and staff. The most successful achieve atmosphere is when patients are comfortable, relaxed and the workforce more content.

KR: What is your favourite quote in life?
ZS: "Believe in yourself, grasp the chances and don't let it flash before your eyes"

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TROPICANA RESIDENCES LAUNCH



One of our exciting new residential gated-community projects, the "Tropicana Residence" was officially launched on the 27th June 2012 in Chennai, India.

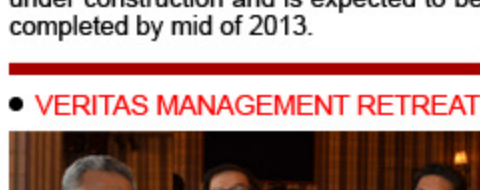


The Tropicana Residences in Chennai is a unique and exclusive residential address inspired by the elements of nature and the quiet tranquility of its surrounding landscape. The Tropicana Residences will represent the new benchmark in luxury gated communities in South India. Vastu Veda, a traditional Hindu system of design based on directional alignments is used as a guide for this design.



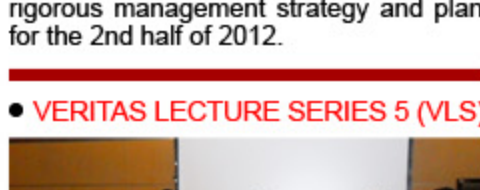
Fifteen luxurious bungalows are intricately woven into a fabric of pedestrian walkways, lush vegetation, water features, street furniture and parks to achieve an environment of perfect harmony. The Tropicana Residences for Rajeswari Foundation Pte Ltd is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by mid of 2013.

VERITAS MANAGEMENT RETREAT



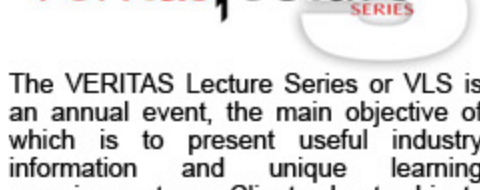
On 16th June 2012, the VERITAS EXCO held their 1st 2012 Management Retreat at the Avillion Port Dickson. The purpose of the day-long retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and plan for the 2nd half of 2012.

VERITAS LECTURE SERIES 5 (VLS)



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The VERITAS Lecture Series or VLS is an annual event, the main objective of which is to present useful industry information and unique learning experiences to our Clients about subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry.



This year's VERITAS Lecture Series was entitled "Branding for Developers & Consultants" and it was held on 26th June at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The four keynote speakers were Dr KK Johan of Brand Laureate www.thebrandlaureate.com, Mr. SP Lee of Dentsu www.dentsu.com.my, Mr Amit of BBDO Proximity www.bbdo.com.my and Mr. Karthik Siva of Global Brand Forum and they presented a detailed overview of "Brand". A large number of Clients and VERITASians attended this very successful event.



STAFF RETREAT

Avillion Port Dickson

Those who missed the Lumut Staff retreat held in May attended a make-up retreat at the Avillion Water Chalet, Port Dickson on 16 June – 17 June 2012.



Without a doubt, the Avillion Port Dickson is the perfect venue for a company a retreat, a place to relax and reduce stress with exciting and fun-filled team building activities.



It was nice to enjoy a relaxing evening of great live music and delightful drinks and a BBQ dinner followed by a karaoke session late into the night.



so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Welcome aboard new VERITASians: Associate Azaiddin Abdullah, architect Taufiq Nazarudin, assistant architect Anas Ahmad draftperson Mohd Azizi and Raja Siti Nadiullah Raja Abu Bakar and trainee student Mohd Hanan Shafiq for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur and architect Aswat Redzuan Ismail & Atiqah Nur Yahya for VERITAS Architects Johor. We hope that they will enjoy their experience here at VERITAS, and build a long-lasting career with us.

BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to Hamrulzaimy Ismail and his wife Siti Monaliza Mokhtar on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Qistina Aqilah born on 13th June 2012. Best wishes to the proud parents!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

For June 2012, we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-

Chew Ngai Seong, Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi, Sellowani Sellappan, Shaiful Anuar Bin Mat Said, Muhammad Khairul Hisham Bin Mohd Badri, Ahmad Rodzanee Bin Ahmad Rodzi, Shereena Abd Rahim, Mohamad Kamarul Bin Mohamad Basir, Belinda Lee Swee Ling, Mohd Saiful Bin M. Said, Nizaruddin Bin Nahaarudin, Faradilla Bt Ruslan, Muhammad Hafiq Bin Daud, Fakhruazi Bin Bustani, Norhafizah Binti Abu Bakar, Mohd Ridzal Bin Hassan & Farina Sari Zainol

QUOTE of the MONTH



"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited, imagination encircles the world."
~ Albert Einstein



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.