

Greetings, and Salam Ramadhan Al-Mubarak to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature a few new and exciting institutional/educational projects being undertaken by VERITAS; our Desa Park City International School in Kuala Lumpur, the Tropicana International School, the International School Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) and University of Reading (UoR). Community and educational work has always been an important component of the VERITAS portfolio, and we have always given it our fullest attention despite its relatively modest scale compared to our "high-profile" projects. In viewing this current work, we hope you will agree.

We are also pleased to feature VERITAS at the VENICE BIENNALE and many 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.

DESA PARK CITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The International School @ Park City (ISP) is a joint venture between Perdana Park City Sdn Bhd, the developer of the award-winning township of the Desa Park City, and Brighton Education Group Sdn Bhd, whose expertise is in establishing and operating private and international schools as well as pre-schools based on the UK National Curriculum. The 3-acre site for the International School at Parkcity (ISP) is located in the self-contained township of Desa Parkcity, Kuala Lumpur. It provides an ideal learning environment for 1200 children from 3 to 16 years of age.



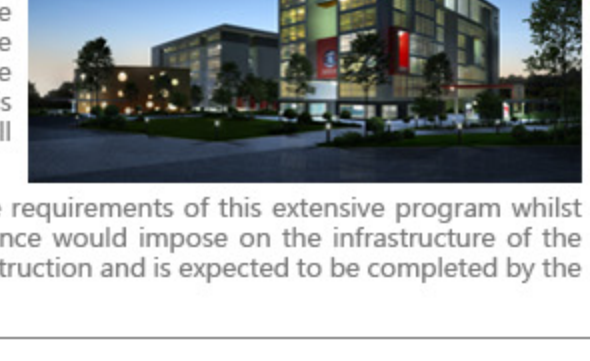
Inspired by the 'vibrant' concept, the ISP was designed with some unique and interesting architectural features i.e. protruding/floating boxes, sky-view study pods, interlinked courtyards and boulevards. The 'boulevard' is the long and wide central corridor; the binding element within the ISP, which functions as the central entrance, as a meeting place and a gallery/exhibition area. It is covered with a dynamic shaped roof connecting all 4 blocks of the school. The International School @ Park City was completed in August 2010 and the 1st batch of student intake was in September 2010.

TROPICANA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PETALING JAYA

The site is a 3-acre plot of land located at the heart of a suburban residential enclave, bordered on its long side by a green belt buffering it from the New Klang Valley Expressway and surrounded on all other sides by a long-established residential enclave.



The school is intended to cater to students at all levels; from pre-school, primary, secondary, up to pre-university level. The scope and ambition of its international program are matched by the brief to create an open learning environment, with subtle gradations of formality for each respective tier of education and a particular emphasis on sporting facilities as part of the well rounded curriculum.



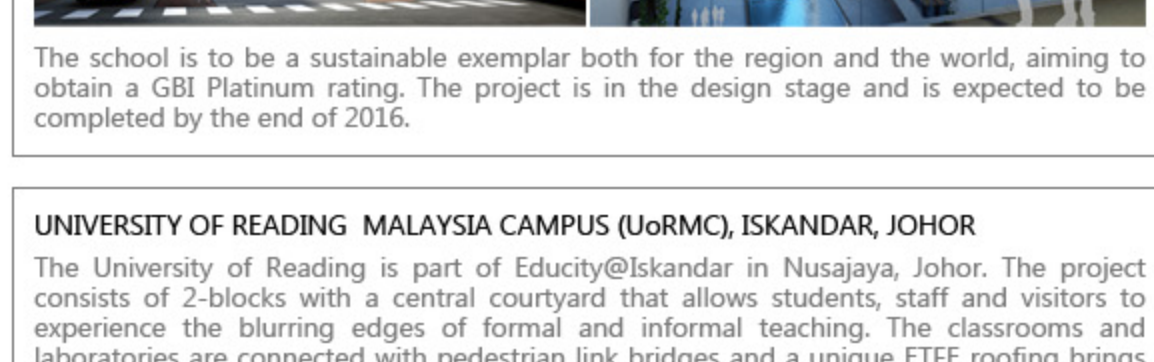
The challenge of this project is to fulfil the requirements of this extensive program whilst sensitively dealing with demands its presence would impose on the infrastructure of the surrounding area. The project is under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL KUALA LUMPUR

Located on a 26-acre site in Ampang Hilir, the new campus for the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) will be an opportunity to bring all three parts of ISKL (elementary, middle and high school) back together again in a new space fully appropriate to the school's unique identity.



The new campus will accommodate 2,000 students. The school comprises of a performing arts center adjacent to the music, arts and drama departments, gym, swimming pool, sports fields, a running track, tennis and badminton courts, student activity spaces, cafeterias, science labs and other utility space. The heart of the school is the central plaza and the performing arts center – a complex of performance, gallery and gathering spaces - where the school community can come together.



The school is to be a sustainable exemplar both for the region and the world, aiming to obtain a GBI Platinum rating. The project is in the design stage and is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

UNIVERSITY OF READING MALAYSIA CAMPUS (UoRMC), ISKANDAR, JOHOR

The University of Reading is part of Educity@Iskandar in Nusajaya, Johor. The project consists of 2-blocks with a central courtyard that allows students, staff and visitors to experience the blurring edges of formal and informal teaching. The classrooms and laboratories are connected with pedestrian link bridges and a unique ETFE roofing brings natural light into this 4-storey volume.



The university offers courses in Law, Business, the Built Environment, Chemistry and Pharmacy to approximately 2,000 students supported by 400 teaching and support staff. The University of Reading Malaysia Campus is under construction and will be completed in mid-2015.

OTHER PROJECTS

HANOI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, VIETNAM



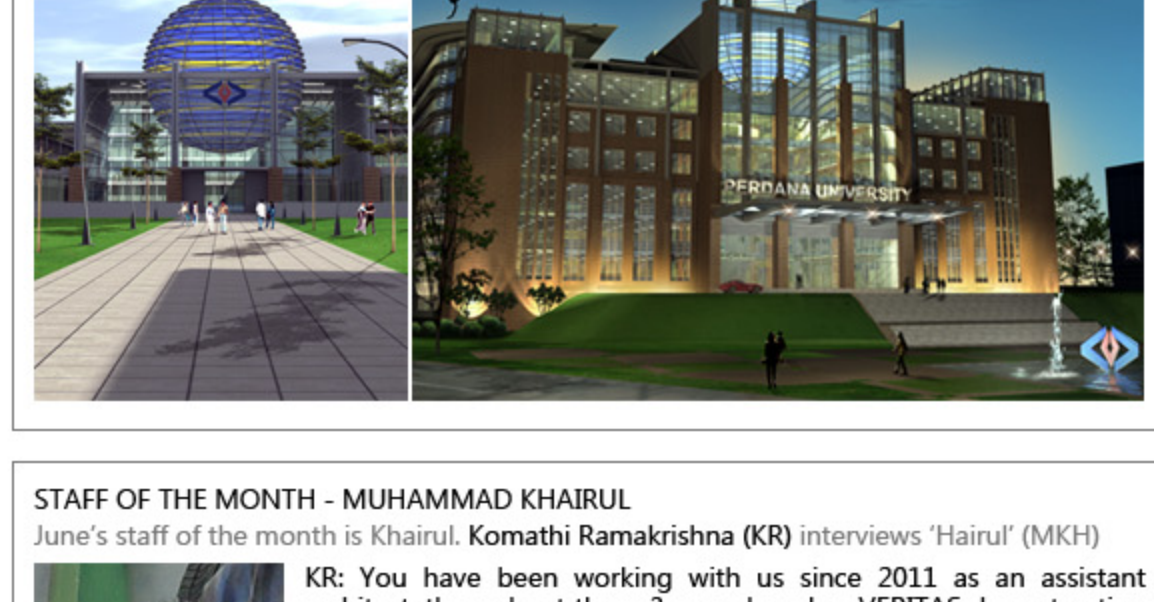
SPECIAL SCHOOL, KEDAH



UNIMY, PUTRAJAYA

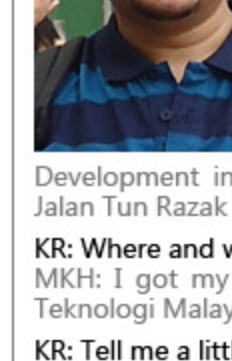


PERDANA UNIVERSITY, PUTRAJAYA



STAFF OF THE MONTH - MUHAMMAD KHAIRUL

June's staff of the month is Khairul. **Komathi Ramakrishna (KR)** interviews "Hairul" (MKH)



KR: You have been working with us since 2011 as an assistant architect; throughout these 3 years how has VERITAS been treating you?

MKH: I truly enjoy working here and I'm grateful to have made many good friends and peers. To add on VERITAS has been treating me well with the workloads but on positive note VSSC's activities was something that we await for at the end of the day. It makes you young and I guess I never grew old.

KR: Tell me a little about the projects that you're working on right now.

MKH: Currently I'm working on the Hanoi International School in Vietnam, 9 Seputeh for Gapurna Holdings, and Tamimi Mixed

Development in Saudi Arabia and some Residential on Jalan Tun Razak for DRB-Hicom.

KR: Where and when did you graduate from?

MKH: I got my Diploma in Architecture from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai in 1997.

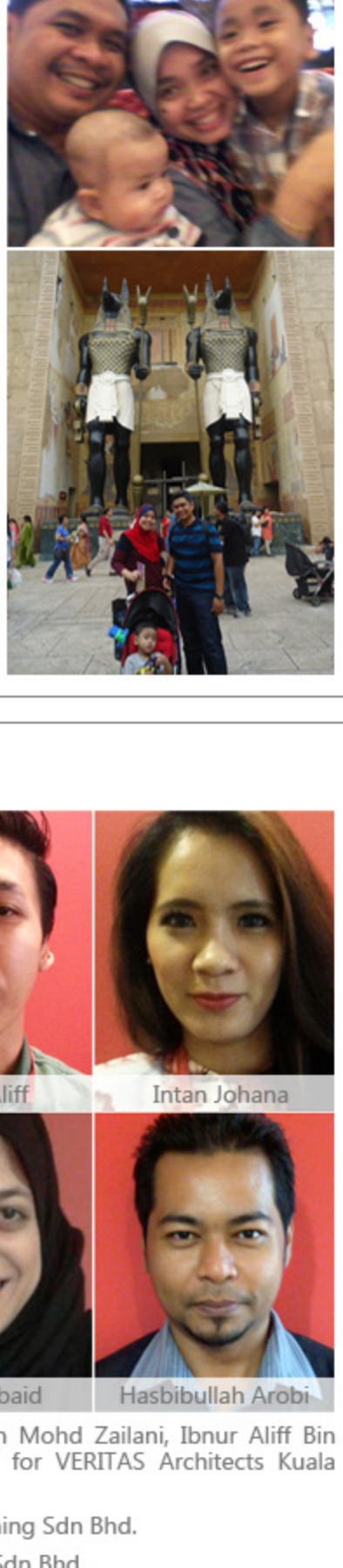
KR: Tell me a little about your family?

MKH: I'm happily married to Harita Hizdir with two sons Umar Rayyan (6 years) and Ammar Rayyan (10 months). I'm currently staying in Bukit Bandarya, Shah Alam. It's a distance for me to travel everyday!! ha ha and I still can make it before 9am.

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?

MKH: Veritas is like a tree with many fruits and big leaves, some are sweet and some are sour and others can be bitter but yet..... you love/enjoy sitting under it for shade when it's hot.

KR: Khairul can be described as a very joyful, friendly and helpful person. His favorite quote is "Work hard, play hard and most importantly pray hard"



WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Welcome on board new VERITASians:



Assistant Architects Tan Wei Jie (Ben), Mohd Syarikin Bin Mohd Zailani, Ibnur Aliff Bin Mohamad and receptionist Intan Johana Binti Abdullah for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.

Town Planner Ahmad Lutfi Bin Zainal Arif for VERITAS Planning Sdn Bhd.

Quantity Surveyor Ooi Choon Beng for VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd.

Junior Interior Designer Tamara Ebaid for VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd.

Officer Manager Hasbiullah Arobi for VERITAS Landscape Sdn Bhd.

Where are we FEATURED?



ARCHITECTURE MALAYSIA - LEGOLAND MALAYSIA

One of our theme park projects; Legoland Malaysia was featured in Vol. 26 issue 3 of Architecture Malaysia Magazine. The theme park is a 76-acre life-scaled experience of the Lego brand within the concept of the theme park targeting children and adults. This project was open to the public in August 2012.



THE STAR (Life Inspired section) - A HEAD FOR DESIGN

VERITAS Design Group President, David Hashim was featured in The Star 8th June 2014 issue of Life Inspired. The article features David's view on the importance of designing buildings and environments that are energy efficient. The interview was held at the Troika Sky Dining restaurant which was designed by VERITAS Interiors Sdn bhd. The Skydining was completed in August 2013 and open for dining in September 2013.

THE NEW STRAITS TIMES (Business Times section) - AIRASIA: HQ WILL BE VERY SIMPLE

VERITAS' Project the AirAsia Head Quarters was featured in the Business Times section of the New Straits Times on the 5th of June. The article features the new corporate office design and Chief Executive Officer Aireen Omar's feedback on the latest design of the HQ. The construction of this new headquarters shall start this month and is scheduled to be completed by end-2015.

is there anything HAPPENING?



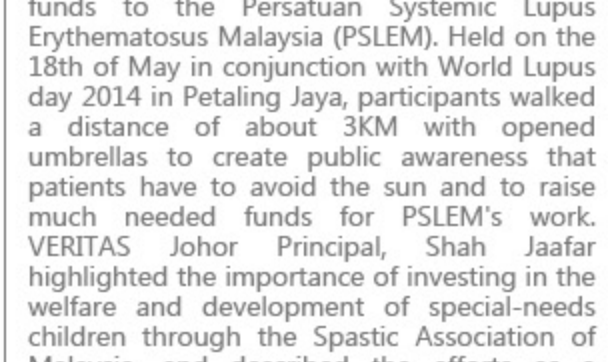
JOHOR CSR PROJECT - PSLEM WALK-A-PAYUNG

VERITAS Johor office recently contributed funds to the Persatuan Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Malaysia (PSLEM). Held on the 18th of May in conjunction with World Lupus day 2014 in Petaling Jaya, participants walked a distance of about 3KM with opened umbrellas to create public awareness that patients have to avoid the sun and to raise much needed funds for PSLEM's work. VERITAS Johor Principal, Shah Jaafar highlighted the importance of investing in the welfare and development of special-needs children through the Spastic Association of Malaysia, and described the efforts as a positive move. VERITAS Johor is currently working on 2 special school projects; in Tanjung Tokong, Penang and in Merbok, Kedah.

VERITAS AT VENICE BIENNALE

VERITAS is participating in the 14th International Architecture Exhibition Venice Biennale 2014. La Biennale di Venezia is the world's oldest and most prestigious exhibition for architecture and was established in 1895. VERITAS is featuring 2 conceptual projects; 'The Pekkilling Flats' and 'The Sinkehr Hotel'. VERITASian Jonathan Low was part of the MATRADE-PAM entourage for the preparation for the exhibition from the 4th till the 7th June 2014. He shares his valuable insight of Biennale; "Its an awesome experience, and one should not miss this!"

VERITAS is very proud to be a part of this exciting event which takes place from 5th June till 26th November 2014. It is a part of our strategic plan to expand our professional services globally.



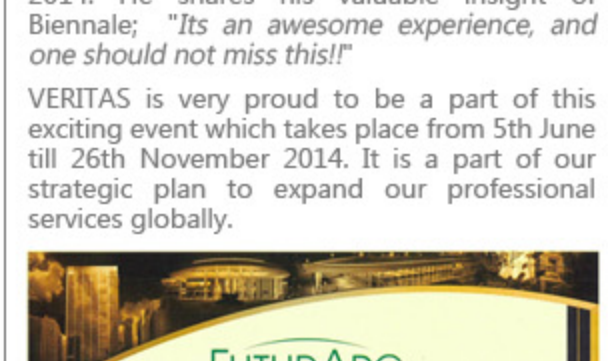
FUTURARC AWARD

We are proud to announce that VERITAS Architects received a Certificate of Recognition for Menara Binjai in the "Commercial" category at the FuturArc Awards 2014, which was held on the 13th June 2014 at the Mandarin Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Menara Binjai is located within the Golden Triangle of Kuala Lumpur. The 32-storey office building is notable for its environmentally conscious design, characteristic facade and sophisticated finish. The Menara Binjai is the first office tower in Malaysia to receive both GBI Certification and Green Mark Gold certified by BCA Singapore. It also received the Cityscape Dubai Best Sustainable Development Award (Built) in 2012.



ON 14th JUNE 2014, THE RETREAT

On 14th June 2014, the VERITAS EXCO held their 1st 2013 Management Retreat at the Bangsar Pullman Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of the day-long retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and plan for the 2nd half of 2014.



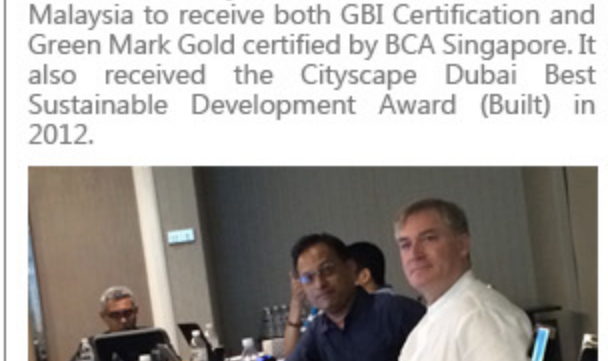
FAST TALK: UNREALISED - FIVE ARTS CENTRE AT THE COOLER LUMPUR FESTIVAL

VERITAS Associate Taufiq Nazaruddin gave a talk at the White Box Theatre, Publikal on 22nd June 2014. His presentation was on 2 of our conceptual projects; the Pekkilling Flats and the KL 2057 Vision. He presented a brief history of the Pekkilling Flats; which is to re-imagine and preserve the iconic structures built in the 1960s as well as VERITAS' speculative proposal for KL2057; What the Kuala Lumpur skyline may look like in 2057.



WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Ahmad Rodzane Bin Ahmad Rodzi, Mohd Saiful Bin M. Said, Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi, Mohamad Kamarul Bin Anwar Mat Basir, Faradilla Bt Ruslan, Shaiful Anuar Bin Mat Saif, Faradilla Bt Ruslan, Ler Wei Zeng, Muhammad Khairul Hisham Bin Mohd Badri, Chew Ngai Seong, Sebastian A/L Issac, Ibnur Aliff Bin Mohamad, Nizaruddin Bin Nahrudin, Sellarani A/P Sellappan, Belinda Lee Swee Ling, Mohd Hanif Bin Ramli, Anton Alers, Muhammad Hafiq Bin Daud, Hasbiullah Arobi, Fakhrurazi Bin Bustani, Farina Sari Zainal, Mohd Ridzal Hassan, Rasidah Bt Samad, Tamara Ebaid and Bardia Dowlatshahi.



BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to our VERITAS Kuala Lumpur Architect Megat Arzuwan and his wife Jazkallah Khairun Khatira on the arrival of their lovely baby girl, born on 23 June 2014 at 2.44pm. Best wishes to the proud parents!!

QUOTE

"Every great architect is - necessarily - a great poet. He must be a great original interpreter of his time, his day, his age."

~ Frank Lloyd Wright