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**GREETINGS and SALAM SATU VERITAS to all our readers!**  
 In this month's e-news we are delighted to present one of our exciting new projects: a residential development called Rimbun Kasia Residences in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

We shall also feature other interesting happenings here at VERITAS such as our signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.A) with the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur for the implementation of our Adopt-a-Park program. 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.



Rimbun Kasia is a 30-acre greenfield site directly adjacent to a newly established residential area, surrounded by multiple schools and institutes of higher learning at the heart of Taman Desa Kasia, Nilai in the state of Negeri Sembilan. This development thus caters to an expected surge in demand for housing anticipated in the greater Nilai area. The sloping topography of the site gives way to a forest reserve; a rare natural setting within what is becoming a hard urban landscape in Nilai.



The site is divided into 5 residential parcels, each designed to a different typology and unit size depending on the targeted market and phasing requirements. Site ingress and egress is via a main entrance road that bisects a welcoming crescent shaped plaza and a landmark building, serving as the public interface of the development and gate-away to the site.

Here, public amenities such as shops and cafe buffer private facilities geared towards fulfilling the recreational needs of the development and fostering a community spirit; gym, a multipurpose hall and gymnasium.

**Where are we FEATURED?**

THE EDGE Magazine (June/July 2015) - Traditional + Modernity



The **SINKEH**, a boutique hotel in Lebuh Melayu in George Town, Penang, does not stand in the conventional sense. There's no ornately carved door, intricate embellishments or a vibrant paint job. But once you find it, you realize it is something truly special. The top part of this 19th century shop-house retains the historical Straits Chinese architecture with its original shutters, weathered and time-worn. This however is in stark contrast to the bottom part, where the entrance is located, which dominated by a raw concrete wall anchored on both sides by glass panel. Rather unexpectedly, on the bare cement wall is a vine with large palm-like leaves that has the desired effect of softening the otherwise somber, imposing appearance. A towering door made from recycled timber with an antique knocker serves as the entrance while an oxidized metal plank with 'Sinkeh' carved out in block letters tells us we are indeed at the right place.

PRESTIGE Magazine (June 2015) - BOLD AMBITION

It's true that most people feel that life passes by at an alarming rate and that many successful people contribute their beginnings to a combination of chance and luck. There are some however, who defy these theories by telling you to desire something long and hard enough to make it happen. David Mizan Hashim is one of those exceptional few. The founder and Group President of VERITAS has always known that he wanted to create buildings. "According to my mother, I've wanted to be an architect since I was 10 years old. I knew exactly what I wanted and not just to be an architect, but to be the kind of architect that I am today."



THE EDGE Financial Daily (Friday, June 5, 2015) - Sinkeh Hotel is 'Building of the Year' VERITAS Design Group Project Blends the Old and New

At first blush, the building located at 105, Malay Street in George Town, Penang is one of the many faded pre-war shophouse, which has seen better days. But its unassuming façade belies beauty within. In recognition of its design conversation and adaptive reuse from 19th century shophouse into an art space and hotel, the Sinkeh Hotel was named "Building of the Year" at the Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) Award 2015 held on May 23. It also won "Gold" under the "Alteration & Addition" category.



**Happenings**

**"Adopt a Park"**

Under the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) program, VERITAS recently launched its latest initiative; the Adopt-a-park scheme! Conceived by VERITAS and gifted to Kuala Lumpur, the scheme invites private companies to support the creation and maintenance of 'pocket-parks' around the city by contributing to a special fund established under the control of Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL).



Under the terms of this adoption DBKL will build and upkeep the pocket-park of a period of 2 years and maintain signage of the adoptee company within the park. In addition to conceiving of the scheme, VERITAS also adopted the first pocket-park, a 300sm median area in front of KLCC which includes the installation of walkways, artwork, garden lights, shady trees and ornamental shrubs. The Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.A) signing ceremony was officiated by Tan Sri Haji Ahmad Phasal bin Hj Talib, the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur and David Mizan Hashim, Group President of VERITAS.

**BCI-ASIA TOP 10 ARCHITECTS 2015 AWARD**



VERITAS makes it to the top ten again!  
 We are proud to announce that VERITAS was chosen again by BCI Asia to be among the "top ten" architects in Malaysia. This further confirms our status within Southeast Asia design industry and we are looking forward to greater success in the coming years. David Hashim, Group President of VERITAS received the award at a dinner which was held at the JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur on the 12th May 2015.

The BCI Asia Top 10 Awards have become an institution for architectural communities of Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Being a BCI Asia Top 10 laureate is a coveted prize among architectural firms, symbolizing the extent of their contribution to the built environment.

**CONGRATULATORY DINNER**

On 16th June 2015, VERITAS hosted a congratulatory dinner at Nathalie Gourmet Studio, Solaris Dutams for YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Secretary General of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Tan Sri Rebecca was conferred the Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM) award that carries the title 'Tan Sri' in conjunction with the His Majesty, YANG di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah birthday celebration on 6th of June 2015. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her again on this timely recognition of her achievements.



On 13th June 2015, the Principals of VERITAS including VERITAS KL EXCO held their 1st 2015 Management Retreat at the Subang Hyatt Hotel, Subang. The purpose of the day-long retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and plan for the 2nd half of 2015 and beyond.

**VERITAS Saudi Charity**



In this month of Ramadhan, and in the spirit of humanity, VERITASians from our Saudi Arabia Office conducted a door-to-door food donation charity event. It's was joint venture effort between VERITAS Saudi and our associates MAB Consult and Al Bassam Group.



**So WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH?**

Our staff of the month for June 2015 is Jason Seong Chen Soon, or commonly known as just "Jason" among his colleagues and friends. He has been a VERITASian since December 2011.

**CJ: How did you first get to know VERITAS and why did you join us?**

I was looking to turn figments of my imagination into reality. I asked around which company would make this happen and the answer was VERITAS.

**CJ: What made you take up degree in architecture?**

I had been dreaming of being an architect since young. I just love buildings in general. I needed to achieve my dream and am proud that I have finally achieved it.

**CJ: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?**

When I bled for VERITAS, putting on my badge!

**CJ: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now.**

Currently I'm working on a few exciting residential such as Novo Ampang Service Apartment, Parcel 3 @ Rimbun Kasia Residential, Nilai.

**CJ: What's your favourite thing about VERITAS and Why?**

Ice-cream and Pappathi's neslo!

**CJ: Do you have a message to all VERITASians?**

We have the unique opportunity to shape a better world. Seize it!

**CJ: Describe VERITAS in your own words?**

My family.

**So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?**



Assistant Architect Muhammad Zul Qarnain bin Khalid for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Project Manager Mohd Shahidan bin Bidin for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Assistant Architect Mohd Faizal B Mamat@Rahmat for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Draughtperson Mohd Azzi Misran for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Ali Salleh Al-Jaroudi for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Hassan Mohammad Al-Khalaf for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Fakhru Haziq bin Ismail for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Mohd Nasrun bin Muhd Nur for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Edmund Tan Hong Xiang for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Project Architect Aminuddin Yunus for VERITAS Architects KL  
 Intern Alikah bt Nordin for VERITAS Planning  
 Intern Aliqah Nadiah Mohamad Hanafiah for VERITAS Landscape  
 Landscape Architect Mohd ABD Hakim bin Misri for VERITAS Landscape  
 Intern Nurul Hidayah Muhammad Othman for VERITAS Landscape

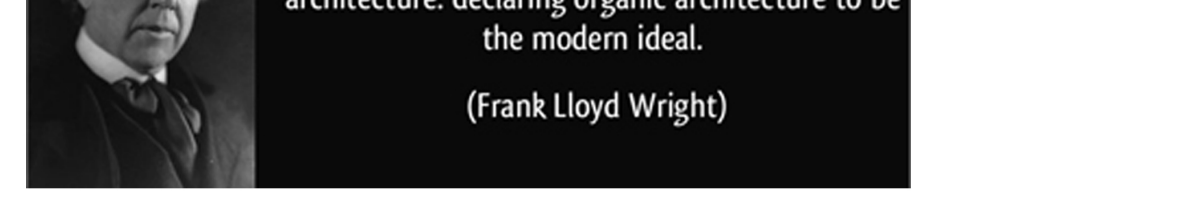
**WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?**

Fakhruzai Bin Bustani (1/6), Ahmad Rodzane Bin Ahmad Rodzi (3/6), Ashwani Kumar Mathur (4/6), Azmi Bin Othman (5/6), Mohd Saiful Bin M. Said (5/6), Ahmad Ridzal Ahmad Rodzi (7/6), Bardia Dowlatshahi (7/6), Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi (8/6), Mohamad Kamarul Bin Mohamad Basir (9/6), Faradilla Bt Ruslan (9/6), Shaiful Anuar Bin Mat Sait (10/6), Shahrizat Bin Shami (10/6), Ahmad Zahir (11/6), Ler Wei Zeng (11/6), Muhammad Khairul Hisham Bin Mohd Badri (11/6), Chew Ngai Seong (13/6), Mohammad Saifuddin Mazlan (16/6), Inmaculada Sevilla Nacher (16/6), Rosidah Bt Samad (16/6), Alvin Yeoh (19/6), Al Sebastian A/L Issac (17/6), Nizaruddin Bin Naharudin (21/6), Sellorani A/P Sellappan (21/6), Kuber Premnath Miskin (22/6), Mohd Hanif Bin Ramli (23/6), Anton Alers (24/6), Azmi B Samsudin (25/6), Ratni Abdul Said (25/6), Hasbibullah Arabi (26/6), Mohammad Ayzad Bin Che Abdullah Fauzi (26/6), Muhammad Hafiq Bin Daud (29/6), Ahmad Syazril B Hafiz Othman (30/6)

**Bundle of Joy**



Congratulations to our VERITAS Penang NUR HIDAYAH YEZID and her Husband WAN ZULKIFLI on their arrival of their adorable baby girl, WAN ALYA NADIRA BINTI WAN ZULKIFLI born on 13 June 2015. Best wishes to the proud parents!!



So here I stand before you preaching organic architecture: declaring organic architecture to be the modern ideal.  
 (Frank Lloyd Wright)

