



"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."
- Khalil Gibran

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• Anton Aiers conquers Mount Kinabalu, Malaysia with his Prosthetic Limb
VERITAS Australia Principal Anton Aiers successfully scaled the summit of Mount Kinabalu on 8th June 2017 with his team consisting of his wife Christine, daughter Tanya and son Alex. Reaching the summit of Mount Kinabalu towering at 4095.2M (13,435ft) above sea level 3 week ago was a huge milestone for him.

"It was really challenging as everything was compressed into 2 short days. It was certainly a test of our endurance, both physically and mentally." Anton Aiers responded via a phone conversation from Melbourne.

Anton Aiers on the Mileage Yamaha entered Y1400 no.76 by Rob Gordon

OTHER HAPPENINGS

TURKISH AVIATION ACADEMY

Eid Al-Fitri and Salam Satu VERITAS to all our readers!
In this month's E-news we are delighted to feature one of our recently completed projects: **Menara Mayland** and the **Dorsett Hotel** in Putrajaya Malaysia. We are also pleased to feature the **Ramadan Buka Puasa** and many other interesting happenings here at VERITAS. 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.

• Menara Mayland and Dorsett Hotel Putrajaya, Malaysia
The site is a square-shaped lot to the rear of a series of monumental set pieces facing the Putrajaya Boulevard. These set a formal tone such that any new buildings nearby would adhere to the tenor of formalism that characterizes the boulevard's mood.



The building's program divides equal proportion into office space, hotel and retail zones, with the prediction that the retail component would service the growing recreational and F&B demand within this government precinct.

The building's orthogonal massing optimises allowable floor area as determined by statutory building requirements, though the 1:1 aspect ratio of the site eventually becomes a hindrance to creating a reasonably-sized drop-off area, as the setback requirements have resulted in a building more rectangular than square, thereby reducing the efficiency of the floor plate.



Effort was made to extend the glass balcony over the public thoroughfare, to maintain the public and pedestrian realm of the roadside. The deep plan that results from this square massing is managed with by planning the hotel as a double-loaded corridor centered around a courtyard, while ample natural light is brought into the interiors of the office podium via a glass skylight.

WHERE are we FEATURED?

AIRASIA REDQ

• CONSTRUCTION + MAGAZINE
The AIRASIA HQ in Kuala Lumpur International Airport was featured in the February-April issue of the Construction + magazine. The 6-storey block comprising 3 levels of office, totalling some 240,000 sf, on top of another 3 levels of parking, integrates all operational and administrative functions of the AirAsia Group with supporting conference and recreational facilities for the Allstars, the maniker given to the highly driven employees. Covering an area of approximately 4.8 acres, the project site is located just beside the new (LCCT) of KLIA 2. The new paradigm of office space design calls for increasing the 'bump-factor' (chance informal meetings), maximising space utilisation while creating collaborative nodes, yet providing contemplative and creative areas in a variety of layouts.

Does size matter?
More management for macro-companies or the big SMEs

Think big, and act accordingly

• SME MAGAZINE- MICRO-MANAGEMENT FOR MACRO-COMPANIES OR THE BIG SMES
VERITAS Architect's **Dr AR Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona** was featured in the June 10 - 23, 2017 issue of the SME Magazine. The article featured on 'How to do businesses with Architects'. It also featured VERITAS' large scale projects in Malaysia and overseas.

• so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH? Azalina Shafini
Our staff of the month is Senior Architect Azalina Shafini Shaari or commonly known as just "Aza" among her colleagues and friends. She has been a VERITASian since June 2008. Her passions and weaknesses include travelling and she enjoys watching movies. **Azalina Shafini (AS)** shares her story with **Kamalhi Ramakrishna (KR)**

KR: What inspired you to join VERITAS?
AS: The 'Big Hairy Audacious Goal' (BHAG) really intrigued me! Besides, the core values of VERITAS drive me a team player. During my university days I researched the top architectural firms in Malaysia and come across works by VERITAS. The brand is very strong and I wanted to be part of the team.

KR: You have been with VERITAS for over 9 years. What has been your proudest moment and biggest challenge so far?
AS: Achievements come continuously through my daily work, from design process through till problem solution (contracts). The profession offers a wide range of experiences. Working in VERITAS, everyday is challenging and I enjoy that! My proudest moments would be the completion of the projects I handle. So far, I have completed 3 major projects and another one will be completed by end of this year. Being in a male dominated industry, I am glad that I have reached this far.

KR: How do you handle a project like the Menara Mayland and Dorsett Hotel while managing other responsibilities simultaneously, such as being the President of the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE)?
AS: It is crazy!!! While handling the Dorsett, I also had several other construction works under my portfolio at the same time and with additional commitment (VFE). Thus it never an easy thing to do. But a factor making it all possible is great teamwork. Credits go to my project teams and VFE committee for their cooperation and commitment.

KR: What's your next plan for the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE)?
AS: We are currently working on a proposal to upgrade current amenities at a dyslexia center and the upgrading of a few selected schools in PJ.

KK: You are a mother of 2 kids? How do you manage to balance family and work?
AS: Being a working mum/wife requires good time management, wise decision-making skills and practical thinking. On top of that, love and passion are key elements for success in managing both commitments. And be sure of what you want to achieve - that will make you stay focused and able to plan your routine. Having a husband who is an architect as well, makes life easier as we have the same understanding and to make it more meaningful, we always expose our kids to our work and make them proud of their parent's achievements.

KK: What are your future plans with VERITAS?
AS: I would like to fly high with VERITAS - it is a goal that I had since my first day here.

KK: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?
AS: Fun, exciting and a ROLLER COASTER!!!

• VERITAS RAMADAN 'BUKA PUASA'

Dancing Fish
Khalid Durrani

• PRIVATE LAUNCH OF TRINITY LEMANJA SALES GALLERY BY TRINITY GROUP
Trinity Lemanja Sales Gallery by Trinity Group had a private launch of the sales gallery by the Group Founder and Managing Director Datuk Nieah Soo Kiat on 17th June in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur. The Trinity Lemanja is an up-market residential project catering to the needs of a sophisticated and urban community. With a gross development value of RM320 million, the freehold project sits on a 2.78-acre site, offering 583 condominium units in a 40-storey block. The project is scheduled for completion by 2021.

• WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - June?
Gemini June 1st to June 15th - Ahmad Rodzane Bin Ahmad Rodzi 3rd, Ashwani Kumar Mathur 4th, Azmi Bin Othman 5th, Fakhruazi bin Bustani 7th, Mohd Ridzal Hassan 7th, Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi 8th, Mohamad Kamarul Bin Mohamad Basir 9th, Shaiful Anuar Bin Mat Saif 10th, Shahrizat Bin Shami 10th, Ahmad Zahir Bin Osman 11th, Muhammad Khairul Hisham Bin Mohd Badri 11th, Zaharudin Mohd Yunus 13th, Chew Ngai Seong 13th and Abdul Rahim Bin Hashim 14 June
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• So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

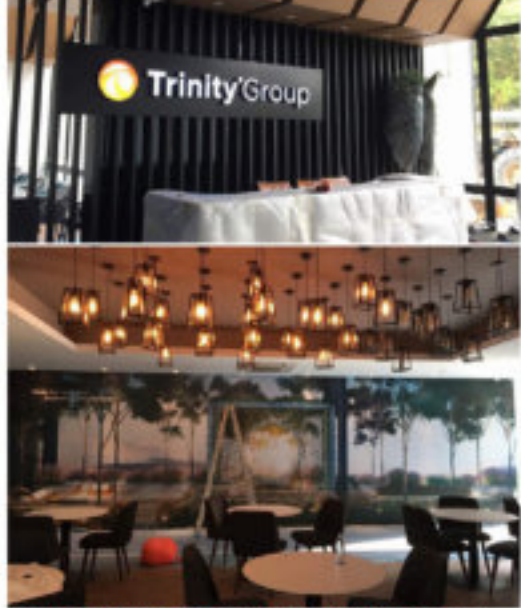
Ehsanuddin - Nurul - Saiful

Technical Assistant, Ehsanuddin Shah Azhar for VERITAS Planning, Landscape Architect, Nurul Hidayah Mohd Derus and Technical Assistant Muhammad, Saiful Islam Mukhtar for VERITAS Landscape.

In the spirit of spreading cheer and giving back to the community, VERITAS Design Group through its VERITAS Social and Sports Club (VSSC) fulfilled the wishes of 50 underprivileged children from the Al-Ikhlas Rohingya Refugee School, Kuala Lumpur by treating them to a Ramadan Buka Puasa with VERITASians at the Flora Terrace Hampshire Place, Kuala Lumpur on 19th June 2017.

VERITAS Design Group Principal, **Azif Nasaruddin** said, "This Ramadan Buka Puasa Program is one of the best platforms for VERITAS to reach out to the community, particularly the underprivileged children. Our commitment to CSR has been an integral part of the company's corporate culture since the establishment of VERITAS Design Group over 30 years ago".

• IATA AIRPORT TERMINAL PLANNING AND DESIGN COURSE
VERITAS Principals **Lillian Tay** and **Azril Amir Jaafar** attended a 5 day course on Airport Planning & Terminal Design from the 5th June till the 9th June 2017 in Istanbul Turkey. This intensive airport planning course specifically designed to address terminal design issues, identifies opportunities for infrastructure improvements that can increase passenger convenience and revenue and to improve technical infrastructure requirements of airport terminals.



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