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Greetings to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature an in-depth expose of one of our recently completed rehabilitation projects which has been receiving a lot of public and media attention: the Puduraya Terminal Complex (Malay: *Hentian Puduraya*) which is the main bus station terminus in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

We are also pleased to provide an update on our recent activities such as our bi-annual Management Meeting, Veritas Social Sports Club - Sg. Lembing trip 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/FEATURES here.

MAIN NEWS

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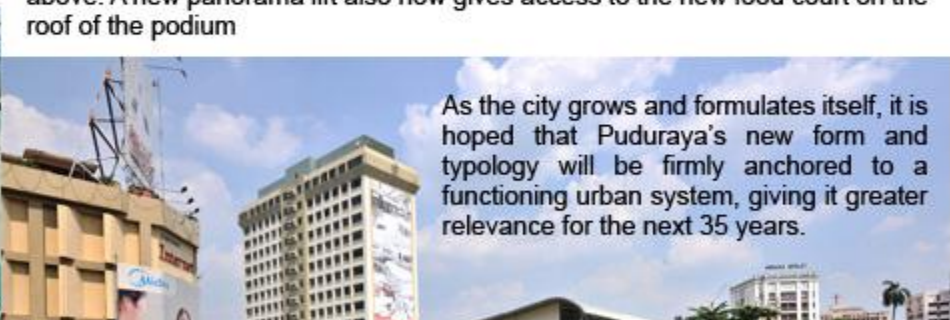
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The Puduraya rehabilitation project offered a unique challenge and design opportunity to revitalise a 35 year old city landmark. It is owned and operated by the Urban Development Authority (UDA Holding Berhad), who appointed us as architects and interior designers for this important project in early 2010.

Apart from giving the building a fresh new external appearance, the core design challenge was to realign the main entrance and public approach. As the city grew around Puduraya, its main entrance along Jalan Pudu suffered massive congestion.

Entrance to the new Puduraya is now from a public plaza adjacent to its side. A new double-volume hall acts as the entrance feature from where there is direct access to the bus bays in the basement and a travelator access to the main hall above. A new panorama lift also now gives access to the new food court on the roof of the podium.



After

As the city grows and formulates itself, it is hoped that Puduraya's new form and typology will be firmly anchored to a functioning urban system, giving it greater relevance for the next 35 years.

Internally, the structure and function of Puduraya as a bus terminal was gutted out and reshaped to cater for higher traffic flow. New island stalls for small businesses and retail outlets are now organized surrounding the waiting areas instead of the previous haphazard arrangement.

The main hall and mezzanine now are dedicated to waiting areas while the car park on the first level is converted into new ticket offices.

VERITAS IN THE NEWS

PRESTIGE Magazine



ARCHITECTING THE FUTURE

Founder, chief executive officer and Principal of the VERITAS Design Group, David Mizan Hashim, designs the future of his company and the industry with style, integrity and energy.

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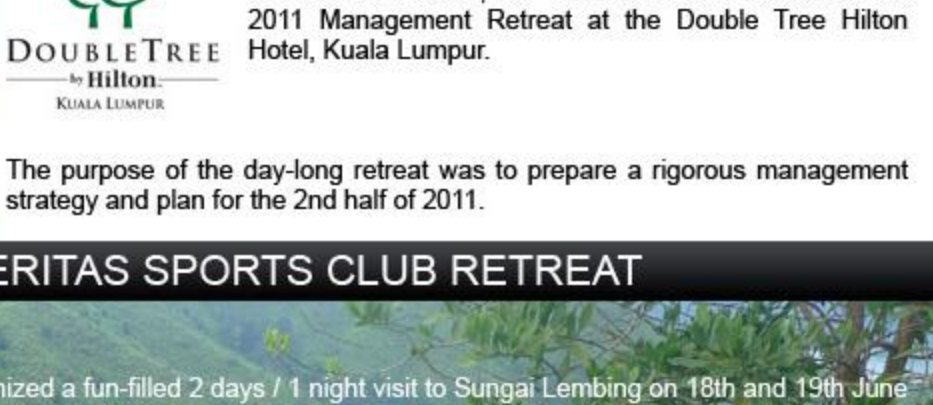
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HAPPENINGS

VERITAS MANAGEMENT RETREAT



On 18th June 2011, the VERITAS EXCO held their 1st 2011 Management Retreat at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The purpose of the day-long retreat was to prepare a rigorous management strategy and plan for the 2nd half of 2011.

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VERITAS SPORTS CLUB RETREAT

The VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized a fun-filled 2 days / 1 night visit to Sungai Lembing on 18th and 19th June 2011. Sungai Lembing is a tin mining town 42 km northwest of Kuantan in Pahang. The highlight of the visit was a hill hike to the top of Bukit Panorama, which is a popular place to watch the sunrise.



Lastly, to balance-out the experience, they spent the end of day 2 at the town of Sg Lembing itself. The town straddles the river, and the main street on the right bank is split by an avenue of majestic trees.



It was truly an exciting visit for all the staff who thanked the VERITAS Sports Club for their efforts in organizing this special trip.



HAPPENINGS

VERITAS LECTURE SERIES (VLS)



The VERITAS Lecture Series or VLS is a twice-yearly event, the main objective of which is to present information and learning experiences to our Clients about subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry.

This year's first VERITAS Lecture Series was entitled "Property Market Outlook in the Klang Valley for Developers & Consultants" and it was held on 28th June at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The two keynote speakers were Mr. Christopher Boyd of CB Richard Ellis www.cbre.com and Mr. Ho Chin Soon of Ho Chin Soon Research www.hochinson.com, and they presented a detailed overview of the Property Market in the Klang Valley - Past Performance & Predictions and Greater KL- MRT Blue Line & Circle Line. A large number of Clients and VERITASians attended this very successful event.

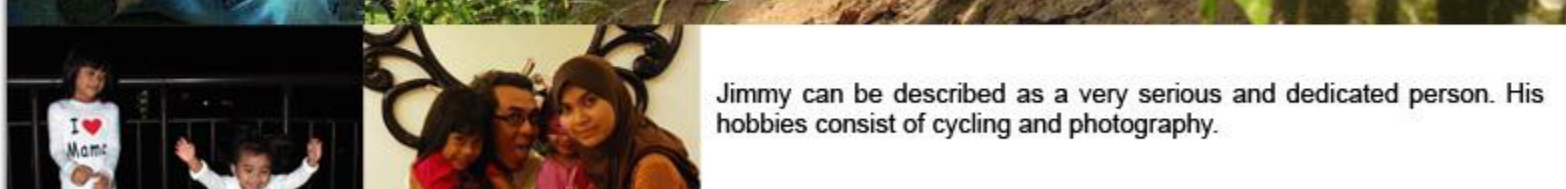
STAFF OF THE MONTH



June's staff of the month is Jimmy Othman commonly known as just "Jimmy", among staff and friends. He was born in 1974, and is married to Nur Fajariah Ismail. They have a 6 year old Nur Fatnir Jazmyna and a 2 1/2 year old Nur Faqihah Jazmyna.



Jimmy graduated from MARA University of Technology as an Interior Designer, and has been with VERITAS since 1998. He is currently involved in the Puduraya Bus Terminal & Puduraya Hotel development for UDA Holdings.



Jimmy can be described as a very serious and dedicated person. His hobbies consist of cycling and photography.

His favourite quote is "Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

NEWCOMERS



Welcome on board new VERITASians: architect Calayde Aenis Davey from South Africa; draftperson Muhammad Fahmi Musa & Ahmad Mursyidi Hasnan; receptionist Alice Khoo Sook Yee for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur; architect Farina Binti Sari Zainol; assistant architect Umi Fatanah Binti Remli for VERITAS Penang and design architect Mohamed Nadeem Abdullah; assistant architect Masitah bte Md Sofwan; draftperson Siti Norhajarina Misran; junior landscape architect Mohd Syukri Yusof and office executive Siti Syahida Ismail for VERITAS Landscape.

We hope that they will enjoy their experience here at VERITAS, and build a long-lasting career with us.

BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to Mohd Redwan and his wife Aznee Amir on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Hasya Qaireena born on 5th June 2011.

Best wishes to the proud parents!

BIRTHDAY GREETING

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

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) ~ Zulkefli Bin Ahmed, Mohd Saiful Said, Haroon Sarfraz Qureshi, Fakhurazi B Bustani, Faradilla Ruslan, Mohamad Kamarul bin Mohamad Basir, Shaiful Anuar, Chew Ngai Seong, Farina Sari Zainol & Mohd Ridzal B Hassan.

Cancer (June 21 – July 21) ~ Nizaruddin Naharudin, Sellorani Sellappan, Belinda Lee Swee Ling.

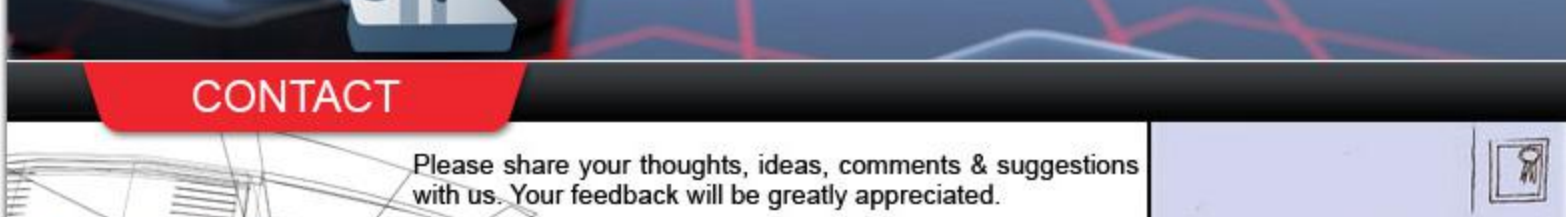
QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"Imagination is more important than knowledge, knowledge is limited, imagination encircles the world."

~albert einstein

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I'm being unable to sleep during the meetings