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Greetings and Eid Al-Fitri to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to present one of our exciting new projects; a serviced apartment development called The Star Residences on Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, Kuala Lumpur. We are also pleased to feature our recent 'Buka Puasa' event and other interesting happenings here 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.

Star Residences

Located along Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, in the heart of Kuala Lumpur city centre, the Star Residences has been designed to reshape and create a new character within the urban fabric by responding to the neighbourhood. The site planning places retail activities on the street edge with a grand "Walk of Fame" along the main road to boost the public urban landscape experience and environment.



Pockets of landscaped urban courtyards are introduced within the retail frontage to enhance the commercial activity and to create new urban nodes and landmarks that link to various components of the development. In response to the dense surrounding developments, the tower blocks are well-arranged to maximize the best and unobstructed vistas from the units, whilst optimizing distance between the towers for privacy and sense of openness for the occupants.

The towers are designed to be as efficient as possible and correspond to the unique triangular shape of the site. Tower 2 and 3 layouts are angled to maximize the allowable setback and to optimize views to KLCC. To liven up the activity program for the residents, approximately 100,000 sqf of area is dedicated to the Lifestyle Facility Floor and Sky Park decks on the roof top of each tower.

Where are we FEATURED?

Star Residences to bring Hollywood glitz to Kuala Lumpur (May/June 2015)

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Developer Alifur Rahman building a 5-star addition to make the project the talk of town. While its towers will be the tallest residential buildings in the city.

The Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) has its fair share of luxury condominium projects with each trying to outdo the other. The latest addition, the Star Residences by VERITAS, promises to bring Hollywood glamour and A-list celebrities to the city.



Dubbed the tallest residential development in the city at 57 storeys, the developer has roped in Datuk Jimmy Choo, world-renowned shoe connoisseur, to be the brand ambassador.

Happenings

VERITAS RAMADHAN BUKA PUASA

On the 2nd of July 2014, the management of VERITAS Kuala Lumpur organized our annual Buka Puasa or "breaking of fast" at the Chakri Palace restaurant KLCC. A delicious Thai cuisine spread of authentic delicacies awaited them and the staffs were all dressed up in their traditional Hari Raya costumes. The results of the dressing competition will be announced in the next e-news!



VERITAS Iftar at Orphanage

A team of VERITASians collaborated with the Malaysia Kindness organization to hold a Buka Puasa at the Asrama Darul Falah orphanage (ASDAF) Kuala Lumpur on 4th of July 2015 at 6.30pm.



There are 90 children ranging from 4 to 17 years old in the home. After breaking fast, our associate Alif Arif gave a short speech and gave "Duit Raya" to all the children.

VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) - Nepal Fund

The April 2015 Nepal earthquake killed more than 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000. The Arun Chaudary Foundation (the Chaudhary Group is a Client of VERITAS) sought donations to build shelter structures for the homeless victims. Each shelter costs about \$500.



The Management and staff of VERITAS collected donations to help out the quake victims in Nepal. The VFE funds were given directly to Mr. Arun Chaudary on 24 June 2015 by VERITAS Group President and CEO David Mizan Hashim in person in Kathmandu. The Foundation has promised to erect at least 5 of the structures on our behalf.

VERITAS Penang's Iftar Ramadhan

VERITAS Architects Penang held their Iftar Ramadhan 2015 among their staff on the 29th of June 2015 at the G Hotel in Penang. They were treated to scrumptious local and western delicacies at the café of this unique building.



The Edge (July 20 2015) - Tay Aims to Lift the Architectural Profession

Architect Lillian Tay has achieved a lot in her career that spans more than 25 years. The newly elected Deputy President of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) has been, among other things, an author, public speaker, curator and an advocate of the conservation of urban architectural heritage. As a Principal and Director of the award-winning VERITAS Design Group, Tay and her team have undertaken many prominent projects, including the DiGi headquarters in Shah Alam, 1 Sentral in KL Sentral, Brunei Embassy in Beijing and Souk Al Kabeer in Dubai.



Focus Malaysia (June/July) - Greening KL with more pocket parks

Faced with the increasing costs of upgrading and maintaining green areas, DBKL is encouraging companies to adopt pocket parks around Kuala Lumpur.



"We are hoping to have 100 green spaces and we have identified 50 plots so far", says VERITAS Design Group President and CEO David Mizan Hashim.

Malaysian Business (1st July 2015) - VERITAS Design Group Signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DBKL

VERITAS DESIGN SIGNS MOU WITH DBKL
Multi-disciplinary consulting firm, VERITAS Design Group, signed an agreement with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) for sponsoring and promoting the area 'island' in Jalan Ampang located at the junction of Kuala Lumpur City Center.
Previously, the 400 square meters 'island' at under the management of City Hall. Under the agreement, VERITAS will upgrade and beautify the area by providing facilities such as walkways, statues ball park, garden lights, shady trees and ornamental shrubs.
The MOU signing ceremony was officiated by the mayor of Kuala Lumpur Tan Sri Ahmad Pheal 'Taj' and group president and chief executive officer of VERITAS Design Group, David Mizan Hashim.
"We are delighted to be given the opportunity by the City Hall to make this CSR effort and wish to express my sincere appreciation to the high hon. Mayor for giving full credence to us for an upgrade and beautify the area 'island' near KLCC and office buildings VERITAS Design Group this," says David.
He shares that VERITAS Design Group has allocated approximately RM50,000.00 to this effort and will maintain the park for the next two years with an option to extend for another two years, making the entire term maintenance of this park is for 4 years.

The VERITAS Design Group signed an agreement with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to adopt - a pocket-park 'island' on Jalan Ampang located at the junction opposite the Kuala Lumpur City Center.

The Star (Friday 24th July 2015) - Property Projects for the Silver-haired Set



Retirement and health-care projects by VERITAS Architects Australia (VAA) were recently featured in the Star newspaper. Anton Alers, Principal of VAA deliberated on the rising interest in retirement developments in Malaysia. He added "After successfully designing homes for the elderly in Australia, VERITAS Architects Australia has big visions of providing the same high standard of consultancy here in Malaysia".

So WHO is the STAFF of the MONTH?



Our staff of the month for July 2015 is Sanjeeva Rao Apparow, or commonly known as just "Jeeva" among his colleagues and friends. He has been a VERITASians since December 2014.

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

I found out about VERITAS from my uncle when I was looking for a place to do my internship. He told me that VERITAS would be a good challenge and learning experience for me. It turned out to be quite the learning curve for me. That's why I came back as an assistant architect. The constant challenge is very rejuvenating.



CJ: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?

I am rather new here to have a long list of proud moments. However my proudest moment so far would be working on a proposal project in Fujairah, Dubai under David. I had the freedom and responsibility to design and work on the project wholesomely, with due advice from the architect and the Principal of course. More importantly, the teamwork was good and I enjoyed it.

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

Currently my focus is on the Oxley project. I am working with my architect on the design of the towers' facade. It is more on the details of the design and ensuring it is well within the budget without compromising on its design concept. Apart from that, I am also doing 3D models for both Dato' Justin Soo's residence and a site model for the IJM project.

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

The working environment and Papathi's Coffee! The senior staffs are very helpful and they encourage us younger ones. I felt like coming to a family during my internship, and it hasn't changed when I came back as a staff. Despite all the work load and stress, everyone is always in an upbeat mood, which really helps.

CJ: Do you have a message to all VERITASians?

The only message I am eligible to convey to my peers is a message of gratitude. I thank all VERITASians for teaching me the value of teamwork and diligence. We have geared ourselves with great momentum to achieve results, I hope all VERITASians will continue to improve this momentum and become an unbeatable team in this business.

CJ: Describe VERITAS in your own words?

VERITAS is home, literally. I know it may sound amusing, but many will agree with me. The word here vibrate really is the foundation why I said this is home to me. VERITAS is also the epitome of architectural practice, what we do here is what every architect should be doing, serving the community and making a positive impact on our environment.

So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Project Architect Lian Nur Lek (VERITAS Architects KL)
Assistant Architect Sifi Nur Sabilah Mohd Sani (VERITAS Architects KL)
Architect Eyllen Coromoto Calderon Jaimes (VERITAS Architects Penang)

Bundle of Joy



Congratulations to Mohd. Redzuan b. Ramli from VERITAS Architects KL and his wife Aznee BT Amir on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Haura Qaisya BT Mohd Redzuan born on 2nd July 2015. Best wishes to the proud parents!!

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Margarita (1/7), Suhaimi Bin Saat (1/7), Tin Mei Mei (5/7), Aziz Bin Md Nasaruddin (8/7), Pailiyah Bt Maksum (8/7), Raja Azriq Azwan Bin Raju Hussin (9/7), Azizi Bin Mohamad (12/7), Hilman Norman Bin Insanul Kamil (12/7), Ng Yiek Seng (13/7), Yeong Mun Yee (14/7), Kamarulnizam (15/7), Adibah Binti Abdullah (15/7), Ta Kok Chang (15/7), Zamirul Ikram Bin Zainal Abidin (16/7), Gurdish Kaur A/P Shingara Singh (16/7), Anthony Dass A/L Arokia Dass (18/7), Muhd Hafiz Bin Zainal Abidin (18/7), Nurul Atiqah Ahmad Fauzi (19/7), Cham Sew Choo (20/7), Khairuzaman Bin Abdul Latif (21/7), Saharzal Bin Md Hashim (22/7), Mohamad Hafiz Bin Mohd Shah (30/7), Ezatul Sharida Bt Abdul Rahmah (31/7), Mohd Sahar B Ibrahim (31/7)



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