

Aloha to all our VERITAS readers!

In this month's E-news we are delighted to feature one of our recently completed projects; the St. Joseph Institution International School, Petaling Jaya (PJ) Campus. We are also pleased to feature our Hari Raya Open House and many other interesting happenings here at VERITAS.

St. Joseph's Institution International School (SJII), PJ Campus.

At a total build-up area of 27,900sm, the SJII is able to cater for up to 1,800 students from K-12 with a teacher to student ratio of 1:15. The design approach focuses on the institution's core values which is people-centric and in which relationships are highly valued.



The spirit of interaction is expressed in the open design of the linkways and corridors which connect all levels. The main entrance with two wings, houses the general administration offices, a library that spans two floors, the International Baccalaureate lounge and classrooms. Open corridors and staircases link all these spaces, emphasizing the close connection of external open spaces to the educational programmes.



Adjacent to the Administration block is a three-storey high sports hall within the Multipurpose Block. Facing the 50m outdoor swimming pool, multi-coloured aluminium panels adorn the Multipurpose Block similar to the curved facade of the Preschool Block. Classrooms, labs and general offices on the upper levels are designed as conventional learning spaces whilst the primary level classrooms are devoid of walls thus allowing seamless integration in learning experience.

Meanwhile, the half-round shape of the Preschool Block with its covered courtyard sits next to the Academic Block. It has an indoor playground evoking a playful ambience that reflects the spirit of childhood. The lower part of the Academic and Preschool Blocks contain the informal spaces or facilities such as a dining hall, an auditorium and the Institution's Mission Room. Other facilities include an outdoor basketball court, an outdoor tennis training court and a playground.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ VERITAS?

HARI RAYA OPEN HOUSE

On the 13th of July, the VERITAS Design and Construction Group organized our annual Staff Hari Raya Party at Level 2 of the VERITAS HQ in Kuala Lumpur. We celebrated the event with live music and delicious Malaysian cuisine decked all around the Level 2 corridor. In conjunction with our Raya celebration, we also held a surprise 46th Birthday party for one of our Principals Ng Yiek Seng. All VERITASians joined in, having a great time while enjoying an authentic meal among colleagues.



VERITAS Design Group sponsored the VERITAS - TAYLOR'S Community Service Initiative (CSI) Design Challenge 2017

As part of our Alliance with Taylor's University, VERITAS Design Group sponsored the VERITAS - TAYLOR'S Community Service Initiative (CSI) Design Challenge 2017, held at Taylor's University Lakeside Campus on the 17th of July. The winning team, COM-LINK, revealed the lack of community interaction at the Suria Magna Apartments (Taman Kepong, KL), as well as the potential of its underutilized courtyard.



DATUM KL Architectural Site Visit

The PKNS (Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor) HQ, an award-winning project designed by VERITAS, was selected by the KL DATUM Conference Organising committee as one of the architectural sites to be visited by the delegates. On the morning of 23rd of JULY, about 40 architects attended this architectural visit for which a presentation was conducted by VERITAS Principal Azril Jaafar.

VERITAS Designed MRT Stations Visit with MEDIA



On the 20th of July, journalists and photographers from Online Star, Star Metro, Utusan Melayu and Sin Chew newspapers interviewed VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng in four MRT stations designed by VERITAS, which were recently completed. The interview took place in the Muzium Negara, Pasar Seni, Merdeka and Bukit Bintang stations which highlighted extraordinary design solutions by VERITAS. The insightful interview covered the concepts and the inspiration behind the designs of each of these remarkable stations.

So WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH? HILMI ALI

Our staff of the month is Information Technology Executive Hilmi Ali, or commonly known as just "Hilmi" among all VERITASians. He has been with VERITAS for almost five years and one of his passions is Japanese Anime. Hilmi Ali (HA) shares his story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):

VG: What inspired you to join VERITAS?
When I was young, one of my dreams was to become an interior designer. Probably that inspired me to join VERITAS, which has an award-winning interior design business unit.
VG: You have been with VERITAS for over 5 Years. What has been your proudest moment and the biggest challenge so far?
There have been many challenges along the way. However, the biggest one for me was that when I first joined, I lacked experience in IT networking for such a large organization. But somehow I managed and I must be doing something right because I'm still here!
VG: How do you think Information Technology is helping VERITAS achieve its height of success?
I think it has a major influence and plays a very crucial part in VERITAS' success, especially in the design and drafting process.
VG: What's your next plan for VERITAS in terms of IT?
My next plan for VERITAS will be on improving our technical skills, teamwork and leadership to become more IT proficient. I am currently planning to upgrade our 30 years old networking system!
VG: Do you find that working in VERITAS and balancing personal life has been a challenge?
When working in the IT department, I have to be available 24/7 in case of any emergencies such as a server going down. This is sometimes a challenge, but nevertheless I think I'm managing it well.
VG: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?
Friendship, extreme experiences and MAKAN-MAKAN!!

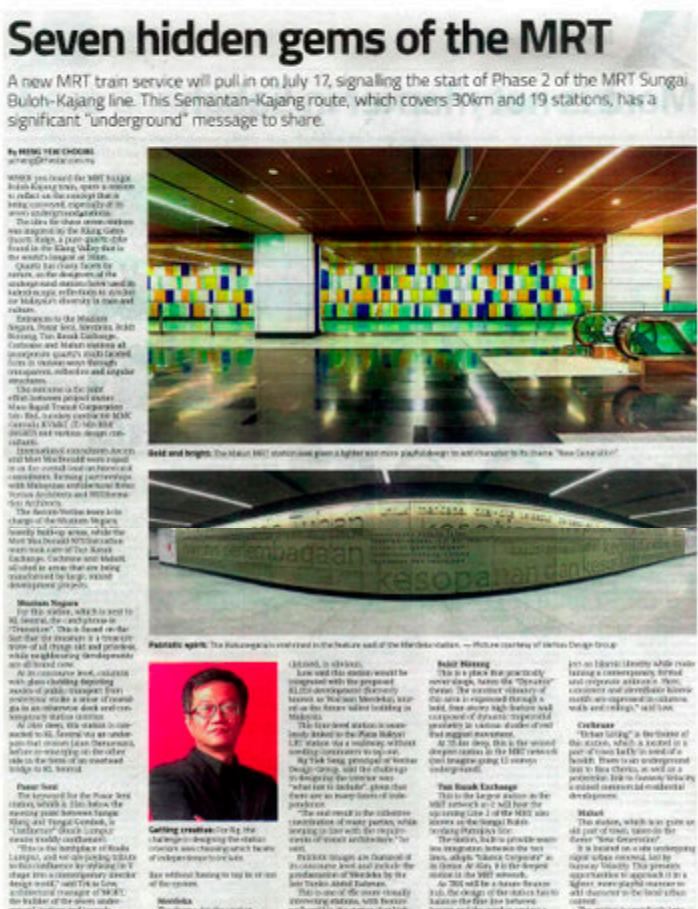
BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to Wan Muhammad Rosmaidi Wan Hassan and Zuraida Bt Wazir on the arrival of Baby, Wan Aaila Maryam Azzezhra Bt Wan Muhammad Rosmaidi on 1st July 2017
Congratulations to Johari B Zainal Abidin and Nurzamira Bt Abd Wahad on the arrival of baby Sofea Zara Bt Johari on 23rd of July 2017
Congratulations to Rahimi Bin Ramli and Shahida Bt Mohd Zahudi on the arrival of baby Muhammad Naim Asyraf B Rahimi on 12th June 2017



The marriage between technology and design has given birth to architectural innovation, writes Naressa Khan
When you build a high-quality building, you are preparing a series of bricks. You are also creating a series of connections between those bricks. The bricks are the building blocks, and the connections are the mortar. The mortar is what holds the bricks together, and it is what makes the building a cohesive whole. In architecture, the mortar is the design process. It is the process of connecting the bricks, the design elements, to create a cohesive whole. The mortar is what makes the building a cohesive whole. The mortar is what makes the building a cohesive whole.



On the 3rd of July, the Life & Times section of the News Straits Times featured the work of VERITAS. The article highlighted the evolution of technology in architecture whereby designers are increasingly reliant on sophisticated software to facilitate the design and development process. The article explained how VERITAS has spear-headed the evolution of this technology in Malaysia. The usage of BIM (Building Information Modelling) systems has allowed architects to be more effective, efficient and accurate.



On the 9th July, the Sunday Star featured another of VERITAS' latest completed projects: the MRT stations of Kuala Lumpur. The article highlighted the Merdeka Station in particular, which shines the Rukunegara in a 3-D wall relief. VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng described the challenge of choosing icons of independence to include in the stations as there were so many to choose from. Also featured were some of the other stations such as Pasar Seni, Muzium Negara and Bukit Bintang.



Another VERITAS project the Legoland theme park in Nusajaya, Johor was featured in the May-June 2017 edition of Building & Investment Magazine. The first internationally branded theme park in Southeast Asia, Legoland was opened in 2012, and its landscape design by VERITAS Interiors won the MAA Merit Award 2016 from the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia.



Veritas Architects SDN BHD (KL) Margerita Mosanghini 1st, Phang Mun Kien 6th, Azif Bin Ma Nasaruddin 8th, Paitiyah Bt Maksud 8th, Raja Azria Azwan Bin Raja Hussin 9th, Mohd Azwan B Khairi Din 11th, Azizi Bin Mohamad 12th, Ng Yiek Seng 12th, Yeong Mun Yee 14th, Kamarulnizam Bin Ibrahim 15th, Adibah Binti Abdullah 15th, Zamirul Ikram Bin Zainal Abidin 16th, Muhammad Ikwan Mohd Aripin 17th, Hamilton Jayanaath A/L Simon Devaraj 17th, Cham Sew Choo 20th, Mohamad Hafiz Bin Mohd Shah 30th, Ezatul Sharida Bt Abdul Rahman 31st, Mohd Sahar B Ibrahim 31st, Rosli B Sanny 31st



VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (PENANG) Siti Syazwan Izzati Ismail 6th and Tin Mei Mei 5th
VERITAS LANDSCAPE Khalifah Jamaluddin 22nd and Mahadi Katang 23rd

So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD
Architect - Muhammad Nashriq Aliff Bin Abd Rahim, Aiman Elissa Ashaari, Fatin Shaza Bt Hassanudin, Ahmad Abdul Aziz Bin Razali
Resident Architect - Zaharudin Mohd Yunus & Faizol Izzan B Morat
Assistant Architect - Meera Nazreen Bt Masrullisham Corp Communication - Bhd A/L Ganasan
CORP ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (JB)
Architect - Mohd Khairil Izaidy bin Kamal
Junior Draftsman - Muhammad Firdaus bin Omar
VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN BHD (PENANG)
Graduate Architect - Wong Pin Khiam

LANDSCAPE

Landscape Associate - Mahadi Bin Katang
Technical Assistant - Egi Ahmad Namaruddin & Noleey Binti Md Yunus
Junior Landscape Architect - Muhamad Anuar Anas Bin Zainal

INTERIORS

Admin Assistant - Heriza binti Hamdan

