

Aloha Everyone!
In this month's e-news, we are delighted to present one of VERITAS' latest completed projects, the **W Hotel and Residences, Kuala Lumpur**. We are also pleased to feature many exciting events at VERITAS such as our **Kali Raya family party** (Kewang Raya), **Staff Retreat to Krabi** in Thailand and many other interesting activities.

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.

W Note!



Overall view of the W Hotel showing the great detail of the rear of the hotel podium to screen off the built-up of Jalan Ampang's traffic.



The relationship between the different parts of the building is expressed via the **different facade treatments** for the car park, facade treatments are also determined according to the needs of that particular program.



At street level, the 'W' signpost becomes a model for the facade's screen, guiding the KLCC night skyline.



The hotel's facade has more glass per surface area than the residential apartments. Nonetheless, the **drop-off area** is placed between the hotel and residential apartment. Therefore the facade expresses the sequence of programs as one moves through the building. A **pool deck** on the 19th floor is orientated towards the rear of the building, away from the traffic noise of Jalan Ampang. The project was designed in collaboration with SOM, USA.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @VERITAS?

VERITAS Kewang Raya
On 7th July 2016, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized the Kewang Raya Party at the Orchard Villa in Gombak. The typical 'kampang' environment brought back the nostalgic 'Kewang Raya' mood to all VERITASians and their family members. Authentic Malay cuisine was served and guests were entertained by VERITAS' own band 1&1 and AK1&1 kompong troupe. It was certainly a memorable night for everyone.



WHERE ARE WE FEATURED

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The Fallen Idols



On 30th June 2016, an article by VERITAS Architect's Dr. Miguel Angel Robles Cardona was featured in the property section of the newspaper. The article highlighted the competition to build higher and higher skyscrapers in big cities and that KLCC (Kuala Lumpur City Centre) was experiencing a similar phenomenon. We commented that the ever-growing cluster of skyscrapers in the KLCC area will eventually restrict the view of the iconic Petronas Twin Towers.



A different perspective on architecture

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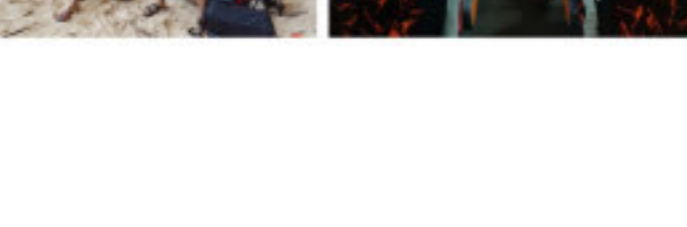
VSSC Orphanage Visit

During the holy month of Ramadhan, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) collected donations from all VERITASians for the orphanages of **Bumah Bukit Al-Fayyaz** and **Pasek Jajayan Anak-Anak Yatim Al-Rahmat Hidayah**. The collected funds were used to buy food and groceries for the children. Members of the VSSC also spent a Sunday afternoon entertaining the children with songs and games.



Staff Retreat to Krabi

From 19th to 21st July 2016, VERITAS held its annual staff retreat to Krabi, Thailand for a relaxing weekend. The tropical sun, the beach and the spicy Tom Yam was just what VERITASians needed. The 3-day retreat was filled with fun activities such as team building, kayaking, gala dinner, exploring Krabi town, shopping and an amazing time on the beach. VERITASians had their own free time as well to explore the town's night life, to enjoy Thai massage and try the street food. It was a great getaway for all the "sun-kissed" VERITASians.



Architecture Malaysia: PKNS Headquarters

On July 2016, VERITAS' award-winning project PKNS (Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor) Headquarters building was featured in the Architecture Malaysia magazine. The story highlighted the design of the building as a **green building** and **energy-efficient solution** that features dynamic spaces that blend seamlessly with the natural setting of the lake-front environment.



SME Magazine: Designing for Others
VERITAS Associate AIR Ail was featured in the July issue of SME magazine. The story was entitled "Designing for Others" and was a series of questions and answers on the insights of working with VERITAS Design Group. Ail is an incredibly talented Architect and has been with VERITAS for the past 5 years.



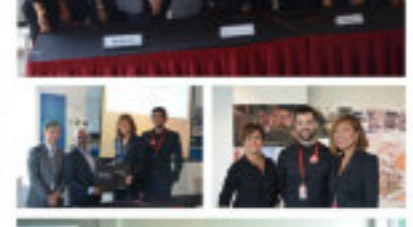
Leadership Retreat 2016

On 21st July 2016, the Principals of VERITAS and the Group EXCO held its first Leadership Retreat for 2016 of the Grand Ion DeLima Hotel, Genting. The purpose of the retreat was to prepare a rigorous leadership strategy and plan for second half of 2016. The **International Principals** from our Jordan and UK CN Main offices were present and all attendees made inspiring presentations of their respective performance and future plans. The formal interactions were balanced with fun-filled activities and good food, including an evening with wine and cigars.

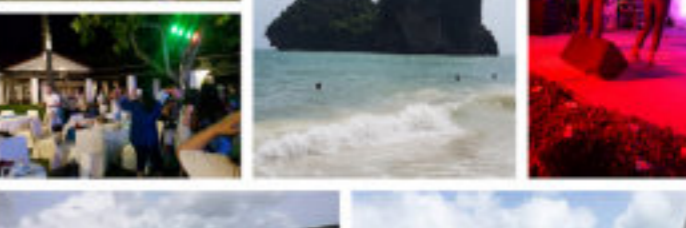
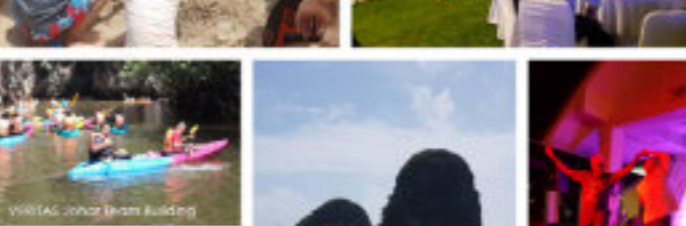


MOU Signing VERITAS - Taylor's

On the 12th July 2016, the successful strategic alliance between VERITAS and Taylor's University was renewed for another 5 years by the signing of an extension to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The event was held at the Coda Gallery at Taylor's on the final of Design Competition of Semester 6 student. Congratulations to the winners! VERITAS looks forward to more amazing opportunities to collaborate with Taylor's University.



SO, WHO IS THE STAFF OF THE MONTH?



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SO, WHO ARE THE NEWCOMERS @ VERITAS?



WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - July

- 1st, Karyl Singam
- 8th, Tin Mei Mei
- 6th, Phang Mun Kien, Shi Syawwan (2016) Izzah Izzah
- 8th, Pallyan Bt Hasmun, Suzan Bin Rahmat
- 9th, Iqqa Azza Azwan & Raja Husin
- 11th, Mohd Anwar & Fhariz Din
- 12th, Aidi Bin Mohamad
- 13th, Ng Yee Beng
- 14th, Yee Mun Yee
- 15th, Adzhan Izzah Abdulrah
- 16th, Zamrah Izzah Bin Zamrah Abidin
- 17th, Muhamad Shivan Mohd Alpin
- 18th, Nurun Bin Ahmad, Suhaimi Bin Sa'ul
- 19th, Rosli Bin Samry
- 20th, Chiam See Choo
- 23rd, Hafizul Javan & Zahudin, Ahmad Syahir & Ahmad Annuuludin, Muhamad Ridwan Bin Omar
- 28th, Nazamman Bin Abd Rahman
- 29th, Shahrul Amyy Bin Shuib
- 30th, Mohamad Hafiz Bin Mohd Shah
- 31st, Wanah Sahar & Ibrahim



The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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