

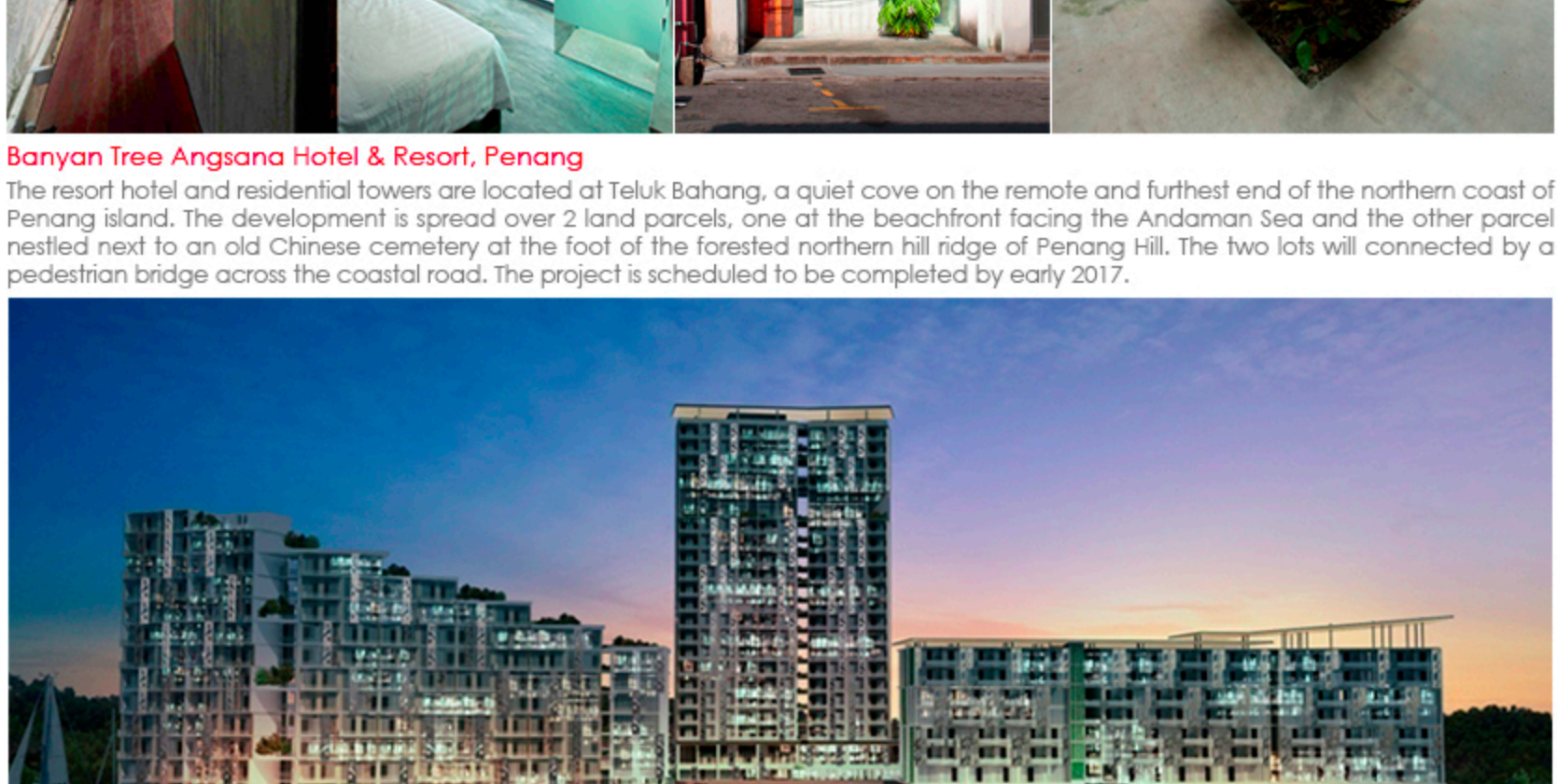
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Greetings and Selamat Hari Merdeka to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, in conjunction with our recently concluded VERITAS Lecture Series (VLS) on the theme of "hospitality", we are pleased to feature some hotel and resort projects by VERITAS which have recently been completed or are underway. We are also pleased to feature our recent 'VERITAS Raya Open House' 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.

The SINKEH Hotel, Georgetown Penang.

The Sinkeh is a multi-functional arts space and boutique hotel converted from a late 19th century shop house. The design brings together the past and present by inserting a new 3-storey steel pavilion into the rear of a 33m long shop house site. The Sinkeh Hotel was completed project in early 2015.



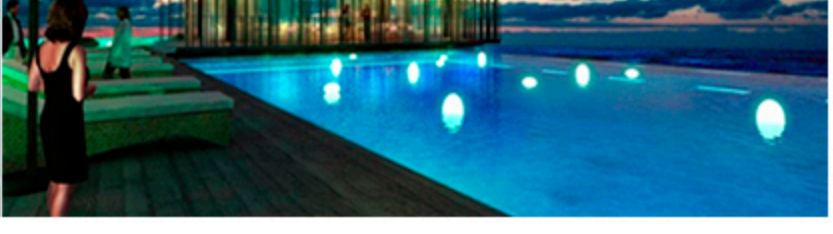
Banyan Tree Angsana Hotel & Resort, Penang

The resort hotel and residential towers are located at Teluk Bahang, a quiet cove on the remote and furthest end of the northern coast of Penang island. The development is spread over 2 land parcels, one at the beachfront facing the Andaman Sea and the other parcel nestled next to an old Chinese cemetery at the foot of the forested northern hill ridge of Penang Hill. The two lots will be connected by a pedestrian bridge across the coastal road. The project is scheduled to be completed by early 2017.



W Hotel

The site of this W Hotel is located at the heart of Kuala Lumpur City Center. The project comprises 55 storeys which consist of 25 storeys of hotel accommodation and facilities and 30 storeys of service apartment and a wide range of guest F&B facilities and services including sky lobby, bars and restaurants. The W Hotel is expected to be completed in 2017.



VIVID HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

The new VIVID HOTEL for Vanguard Hotels Pte Ltd, is the development of two adjoining bungalow sites which face Jalan Bangsar in KL Sentral adjacent to the global headquarters of Bank Rakyat. The VIVID HOTEL KL Sentral, will serve as the brand's flagship property and will provide 180-rooms within a 21-storey tower in a location known for five-star hotel properties.



The Oxley Towers

The Oxley Towers at Jalan Ampang adjacent to KLCC, is a 79-rise mixed development that includes hotel, serviced apartments and office. The tallest tower – Tower 1, at 79 storeys consists of 21 storeys of hotel accommodation and facilities to be operated by Sofitel. The Oxley Towers. The 49 storeys – Tower 2 consists of 20 storeys of hotel accommodation and facilities to be operated by Jumeirah Hotel. The Oxley Towers development is expected to be completed in 2018.



Where are we FEATURED?

THE STAR/ STAREDUCEATE (August 2 & 20, 2015)
An exciting new chapter

Varsity set to open its doors

Offering the best of UK education, University of Reading Malaysia is ready to make its presence felt in Southeast Asia.



The countdown has begun; there are fewer than 30 days before the first batch of students begins studying at the University of Reading Malaysia's outstanding new campus in Educity, Iskandar. The opening this September is the most significant milestone yet in the development of the University of Reading Malaysia (URM) – an institution designed to bring the best elements of a UK university education to the heart of South-East Asia.

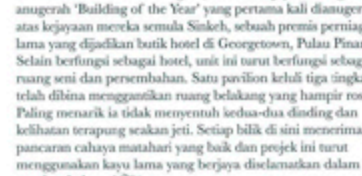
GLAM DEKO - SINKEH Contemporary Touch (August/ September 2015)

SINKEH SENTUHANI KONTEMPORARI

Finis seni bina terbaharu negara, Veritas berjaya menarung anugerah "Building of the Year" yang pertama kali disampaikan atau kejayaan mereka sendiri SINKEH, sebuah premis perniagaan lama yang diilhamkan bentuk barok di Georgetown, Pulau Pinang. Reka bentuk yang unik, seni bina yang berprestasi sebagai ruang seni dan persembahan. Sama persiti lebih tiga tingkat telah dibina menggunakan reka bentuk yang berprestasi. Paling menarik ialah terdapatnya lobi dan lobi yang berlatar belakang teras besi jati. Setiap bilik di sini memuatkan perabot yang matching yang baik dan projek ini telah menggunakan kayu lina yang berjaya dilaksanakan dalam rangka sebuah seni bina.

VERITAS received the "Building of the Year" award from Perubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) for their recently completed project the Sinkeh Hotel. The old shop lot was refurbished into a boutique budget hotel in Georgetown, Penang.

So WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Our staff of the month for August 2015 is Miguel Acosta, or commonly known as just "Miguel" among his colleagues and friends. He has been a VERITASian since November 2014.

CJ: How did you first get to know VERITAS and why did you join us?
I moved to KL from HK in 2014, and I didn't really have any contacts in KL. I remembered that my old high school, St Kevin's College in Melbourne Australia, have an Old Collegians database. From there then I found an ex alumni's details, who is an architect based here, so I gave him a call and we caught up for a chat. He suggested several design firms, but said that Veritas was one of the largest and had a wide scope of project work. As they say, the rest is history!

CJ: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?
I've only been with VERITAS for a year, but so far I think the proudest moment was when the Tropicana Medical Centre (TMC) project got off the ground. It was a real thrill to be involved in a successful project tender right from the very beginning.

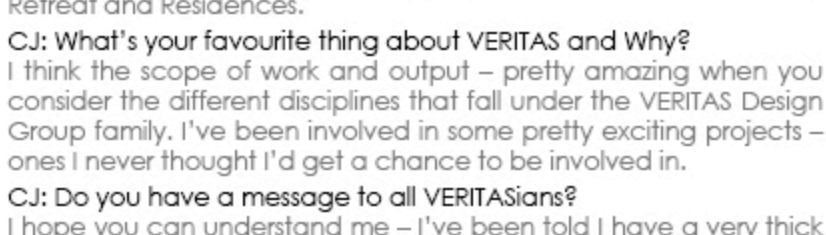
CJ: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now.
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CJ: What's your favourite thing about VERITAS and Why?
I think the scope of work and output – pretty amazing when you consider the different disciplines that fall under the VERITAS Design Group family. I've been involved in some pretty exciting projects – ones I never thought I'd get a chance to be involved in.

CJ: Do you have a message to all VERITASians?
I hope you can understand me – I've been told I have a very thick "aussie accent"..... you know who you are!

CJ: Describe VERITAS in your own words?
Great place to work! I learn something new every day, and get to work alongside some pretty cool people with a lot of knowledge. And that is the..... VERITAS team!



SO WHO got HITCHED!!

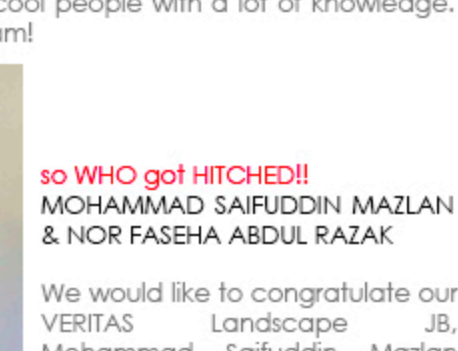
MOHAMMAD SAIFUDDIN MAZLAN & NOR FASEHA ABDUL RAZAK

We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Landscape JB, Mohammad Saifuddin Mazlan and his wife, Nor Faseha Abdul on their recent marriage.

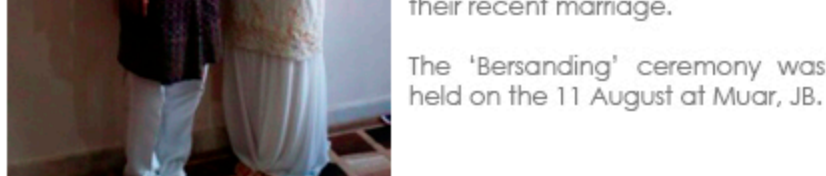
The 'bersanding' ceremony was held on the 11 August at VERITAS AMU, JB.

BUNDLE OF JOY

Congratulations to our VERITAS Architects SYED SALEM B, SYED ABU BAKAR and his wife MASTURA BTE. ABD KARIM on the arrival of their adorable baby boy, SYED MUHAMMAD IZZIRAS ARYAN born on 11 August 2015. Best wishes to the proud parents!!

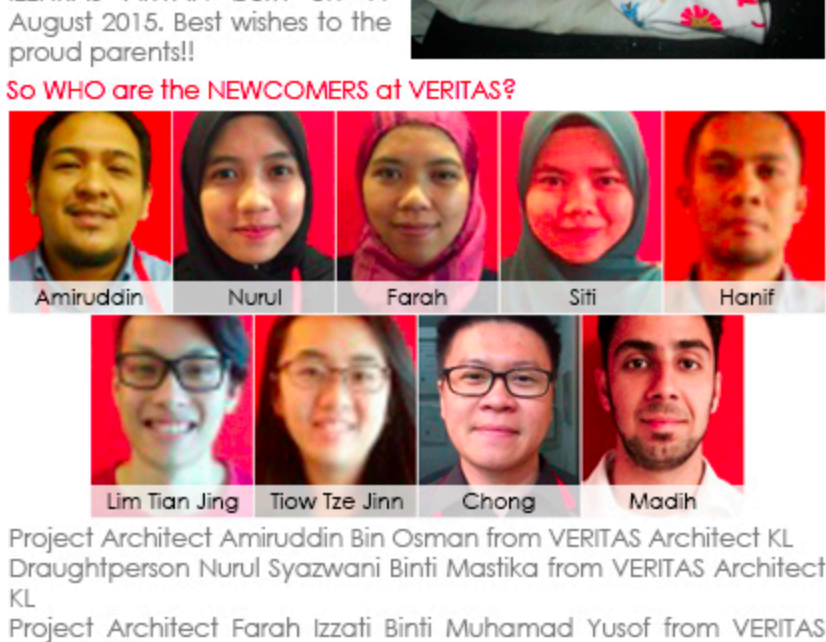


So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Project Architect Amiruddin Bin Osman from VERITAS Architect KL
Draftsperson Nurul Syazwani Binti Mastika from VERITAS Architect KL
Project Architect Farah Izzati Binti Muhamad Yusof from VERITAS Architect KL
Project Architect Lim Tze Jinn from VERITAS Architect Penang
Graduate Architect Lim Tian Jing from VERITAS Architect Penang
Office Manager Chong Chin Wee from VERITAS Landscape
Intern Sarder Muhammad Mahid Uddin Khan from VERITAS Interiors

SKETCHES & SCRIBBLES



QUOTE

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." – Carl Bard

Happenings

VERITAS 3RD STAFF QUARTERLY MEETING

VERITAS held its 3rd staff quarterly meeting of 2015 on August 22 in the Menara Getah Asli auditorium. The theme of the staff meeting was "Hari Raya", and it started with a warm welcome to all the new VERITAS recruits. We had an open Q/A forum with all VERITAS Principals, and the launching ceremony of our internal E-Platform. Thereafter many exciting games were organized by the VSCC before ending our quarterly meeting with some prize giving ceremonies and lunch.



Zouk Lounge, Kuala Lumpur

VERITAS Design Group is responsible for the design of the supper club's new building located along Jalan Tun Razak. The two-storey multi-room complex, features 11 venues under one roof, and was launched in a gala event on 20th August. It is a progressive and bold design that people can quickly recognise and identify with. The reflective facade, also picks up the night beautifully, drawing the eye – and traffic – into the entertainment complex. The club, ranked 38 in DJ Mag's Top 100 Clubs in the World, occupies 60,000 sq ft in TREC, a multi-million ringgit purpose-built entertainment hub.



VERITAS Lecture Series 8 (VLS)

The VERITAS Lecture Series or VLS is an annual half-day conference sponsored by VERITAS, the main objective of which is to present useful information and learning experiences to our Clients on subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry. It has been held every year since 2007



This year's VERITAS Lecture Series was entitled "Recent Trends in Malaysian Hospitality" and was held on 18 August at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center. The keynote speaker was Dr. Nirwan Khatib of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia and the other speakers were Mr Paul Matthew Wiste of Jumeirah Group, Mr. Sen Soom-Mun of Horwath HTL, Mr. Faez Jurnaboy of CIMB Investment Bank, Ms. Lillian Tan of VERITAS Design Group and Mr. Lai Voon Hon of IREKA Corporation. Each presenter provided a different perspective of the topic to an audience of over 200 owners, developers and consultants.

VERITAS RAYA PARTY

On the 12 of August 2015, the management of VERITAS organized a Hari Raya Open House at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club Polo area at Bukit Kiara. This get-together attracted a huge turn-out by our Clients, associates, consultants, friends and VERITASians. Clients who attended included Datuk Richard Fong from Glomac, Tan Sri Ravindran Menon from Subang SkyPark, Datuk Bhaskaran Pillai from Samling, Dato' Soam from IJM and many many more. A scrumptious buffet spread of Raya delicacies awaited them, and we were all entertained by a troupe of traditional music performers from Akademi Seni Budaya dan Warisan Kebangsaan (ASWARA).

David Mizan Hashim's Talk (The 18th National Housing & Property Summit 2015)



On 21st August 2015 CEO VERITAS David Mizan Hashim gave a talk at the Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa entitled "Skyscapes" to a crowd of over 300 industry professional. He spoke on the idea of a "vertical city", in which the many elements that are found in our cities are distributed vertically within a tower or among a cluster of linked towers. In this paradigm; parks, bars, community centers, shopping arcades, gyms, restaurants, tourist attractions, sports facilities and even offices, clinics and schools are arranged vertically and linked by major thoroughfares such as dedicated, shuttle or high-speed lifts, escalators and stair cases. And corridors should be semi-public streets in the sky.

VERITAS JOHOR Raya Celebration



On the 14 of August 2015, VERITAS Architects Johor held their own Raya party at VERITAS Johor office. Staff dressing up in traditional costume and catered the popular dish – Satay for the celebration!

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Norakilah, Dawinder Singh, Juraini, Nekmat, Jonathan Low Jun Loong, Daisy Ann Serrano, Maryasin, Nur Aisyah, Mohd Faizal, Izzarni, Navinesh, Latha, Siti Nurhajar, Hairulnizar, Mohd Anif, Mohd Faizal, Azlisham, Liew Chee Thung, Noorhisham, Che Amaludin, Lim Tian Jing, Saniah, Mohd Firdaus, Jimmy, Khairi Izwani, Wan Zalelawati, Nurulhuda Binti Mohd Non, Hazri Aziz, Devi Subramaniam, Mohd Ashraf Sofian.

