

"Integrity is choosing courage over comfort, choosing what is right over what is fun, fast or easy, and choosing to practice our values rather than simply professing them"

~ Brene Brown



**Good Day to all our VERITAS readers!**

In this month's E-news we are delighted to feature 4 important underground stations in Kuala Lumpur of our recently completed **My Rapid Transit (MRT)** project; at Bukit Bintang, Pasar Seni, Merdeka Stadium and Muzium Negara. This project builds upon a tradition of experience in rail projects, both heavy and light, to which VERITAS has extensively contributed since the late 1990's.

We are also pleased to feature our **VERITAS Third Staff Annual Quarterly Meeting** and many other interesting happenings here at VERITAS.

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.

**KLANG VALLEY MY RAPID TRANSIT (MRT)**

The Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (also known as the Klang Valley MRT) project is a 3-line mass rapid transit system for the **Greater Kuala Lumpur** conurbation in Malaysia.



**Learn nation's history from ground up**

Inspired by the Gombak quartz ridge, MRT's underground stations are designed to impress.

VERITAS designed many of the underground and above ground stations for the first of these three line which was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Y.A.B. Dato'Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak on 17th July 2017.

The MRT Project not only significantly expands the current inadequate commuter rail network, but will also serve to **integrate all existing public transportation networks and alleviate the severe vehicular traffic congestion** in the Greater KL Metropolitan area.

**MY RAPID TRANSIT UNDERGROUND STATIONS: KUALA LUMPUR & SELANGOR**

The four underground stations comprise prominent metropolitan points of interchange at strategic locations, i.e. **Muzium Negara, Bukit Bintang, Pasar Seni and Stadium Merdeka** and involved city-scale infrastructural works. The fast-track design of the stations meant that a lot of emphasis was placed on the modularity and constructability of the building components. A template was thus developed to increase recognizability and way-finding, such that there is a visual continuity between all stations on an urban scale.



At street-level all employ an overhanging slanted roof with patinated glass panels and louvers. The most significant stations have **prominent and unique design features** that differentiate them from each other. For example, the Muzium Negara Station's design features glass cladding depicting traditional geometries. The station is 24m deep, and is connected to KL Sentral via an underpass below Jalan Damansara.



The Merdeka Station's theme is that of Malaysia's independence, due to its location near to where **"Merdeka"** was proclaimed. This four-level station is seamlessly linked to the Plaza Rakyat LRT station via a pedestrian walkway. Patriotic images are featured on its concourse level, including the proclamation of Merdeka by the Late Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia's first Prime Minister, and the **featured wall within the station highlights the Rukunegara**.



The Pasar Seni Station is designed such that the **graphic nature** of the quartz substrate is clearly visible in the huge sloping windows overlooking the entrance to Kelang Street. Water rippling at the confluence of Sungai Gombak and Sungai Petaling is reflected in bright blue panels on the windows. The Bukit Bintang station is located in an area that practically never sleeps, hence the dynamic theme for its design.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING @ VERITAS?**

**Third Staff Quarterly Meeting**

On 4th August, VERITAS held its Third Staff Quarterly Meeting for 2017 at the Menara Lembaga Getah Asli Auditorium. VERITAS Group President David Mizan Hashim gave a short and inspiring introductory speech encouraging all VERITASians to **adopt a resilient attitude towards work**. He also related his experience visiting buildings and cities in the United Kingdom during his summer break.



Later that morning, renowned guest motivational speaker Richard La Faber presented useful tips on how to understand **"emotional drivers"** and how they affect us both at work and at home. His talk about how to **maintain a healthy, stress free working environment** while maintaining an attitude that reflects everything that works in a positive manner was inspirational and informative.

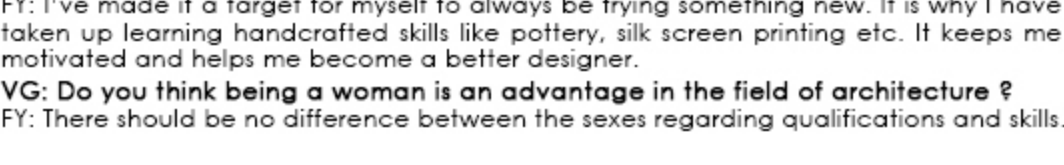


Also, we had a quiz among the VERITASians and the first prize worth RM300 was won by Principal Azif Nasaruddin, second prize won by Ahmad Safwan and followed by third prize Principal Shah Jaafar. The VERITAS Fund for Excellence also **gave out payments to those who use public transportation** to/from work as encouragement for being environmental friendly. The meeting ended with a scrumptious lunch.

**VERITAS Johor Bahru Fishing Trip**

On 7th August 2017, VERITASians from Endau/Rompin and sailed for four hours to the South China Sea. Mohd Fadzil, Khairil Izwan, Mohamad Azif, Mohamad and Al Ratni had the top remunerating catch for the trip weighing in total of 60kg.

**ECRL Ground Breaking Ceremony**



On the morning of 9th August 2017, VERITAS was invited to attend the ECRL (East Coast Rail Link) ground-breaking ceremony at Stesen Sentral, ECRL KotaSAS in Kuantan, Pahang. VERITAS Principal Ng Yeik Seng attended the ceremony, which was officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Y.A.B.Dato'Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak.

**So WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH? Farah Yusof**

Our staff of the month is Architect Farah Yusof, or commonly known as just **"Farah"** among all VERITASians. She has been with VERITAS for more than two years and one of her passions is pottery. Farah Yusof (**FY**) shares her story with Venuthan Ganasan (**VG**):

**VG: What inspired you to join VERITAS?**  
 FY: I first joined VERITAS as an Architectural Assistant, and later came back as an Architect in 2014 mainly because of all the special people that work here, whom I consider my peers and mentors.

**VERITAS is like a rollercoaster, it has its highs and lows, but overall it can be a really exciting experience.**

**VG: You have been with VERITAS for more than two years. What has been your proudest moment and biggest challenge so far?**  
 FY: I've enjoyed working on so many different projects since being an AA. Although I was not involved in the construction of the recent MRT, I am proud to have been involved during its conceptual design and is really fulfilling to see some parts of the design remain and come into fruition.

**VG: What do you think should be the primary capability of an architect?**  
 FY: Time management and the ability to know what you want and execute or communicate well.

**VG: Do you find that working in VERITAS and balancing personal life has been a challenge?**  
 FY: I've made it a target for myself to always be trying something new. It is why I have taken up learning handcrafted skills like pottery, silk screen printing etc. It keeps me motivated and helps me become a better designer.

**VG: Do you think being a woman is an advantage in the field of architecture?**  
 FY: There should be no difference between the sexes regarding qualifications and skills.



**WHERE are we FEATURED?**



**PKNS opens 'smart office'**

New headquarters with high-tech facilities is now an icon in Cyberjaya. PKNS has now an icon in Cyberjaya. The new headquarters is a smart office building designed by Studio F.A. Porsche. It is an award-winning project by VERITAS, which is a **smart office and low energy building**. It was officially opened by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharifuddin Idris Shah 1st of August 2017 which coincided with the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of PKNS.

**Nazri: Property tourism can attract foreign investments**

Malaysia's Tourism and Cultural Minister Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz also mentioned that the M101 design was **bold and innovative** and that this would lead Malaysia to become a champion of property tourism.

**Sunday Star - Nazri: Property tourism can attract foreign investments**

Also on 4th August 2017 VERITAS' project the M101 Skywheel was featured in Sunday Star for its iconic architectural design. This project is expected to attract foreign investments into Malaysia via property tourism.

**Exclusive design suites to top off KL's new twin towers**

Mixed-development in KL city centre designed by Studio F.A. Porsche. The M101 Skywheel Design Suites is a premium living experience with a variety of amenities and services.



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**StarMetro - Exclusive Design Suites to Top-off KL's New Twin Towers**

On 12th August 2017, StarMetro featured VERITAS project M101 on its limited design suites. The exclusively designed luxurious service residences were said to **encapsulate elegance, functionality and purism**. The Skywheel Design suites of M101 was launched by Malaysia Tourism and Cultural Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

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