



VERITAS design group

Greetings, Selamat Hari Merdeka and Salam Satu VERITAS to all our readers!

In this month's e-News, we are delighted to present some of the exciting projects completed or being undertaken by the VERITAS office in Penang.

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.

VERITAS PENANG

VERITAS Penang was established in 1994, originally occupying a small office at Komtar Tower. In July 2008, VERITAS moved its office to Menara Boustead on Northern Road overlooking the sea. The Penang team is undertaking many exciting overseas projects including a luxury resort in Indonesia and a ferry terminal complex in the Maldives. It is also handling numerous luxury developments throughout the Northern region of Malaysia. With almost 30 personnel, VERITAS Penang is evolving into the region's leading architectural practice under the very capable leadership of Principal Eric Tham and Associate Nurhidayah Yazid.

THE LIGHT COLLECTION I - Jelutong, Penang

The Light City is a mega mixed-development project located on reclaimed land near the Jelutong Expressway. The Light Collection is the name of the 1st phase of the residential component of the development, which is divided into 4 separate parcels, each with a different theme and residential mix. The Light Collection I is one of these parcels. As with any critical or man-made environment, the Light Collection I is an attempt to set the terms in which built form negotiates with the natural context.



Elegant, luxurious quayside apartments and waterfronts float on a water garden of natural coral reefs and colourful marine life to bring the allure of the sea right up close. An ingeniously designed landscaped area between apartments and waterfront creates an axis that lets all residents enjoy a clear sea view.



The 176 units of apartments interspersed over 8 stories are arranged north of the site, enclosed on its longer side by a row of 24-units of 3-storey linked townhouses, arranged in a V-shaped formation to break the monotony of the grid. Each townhouse has its own dedicated car park space below ground level to hide the vehicular network.

VERITAS is also undertaking the Light Collection 2 project: the residential towers named Essence and Mezzo are in progress.

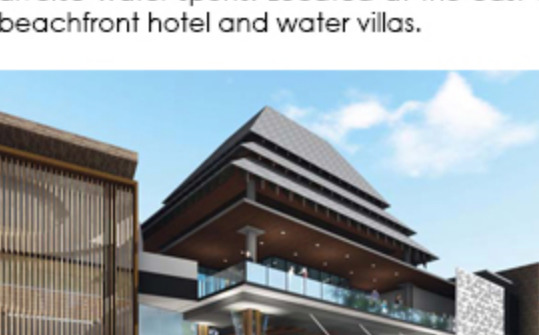
Status: Completed 2016

VILLINGILI FERRY TERMINAL - Male, Maldives

Sitting on a 0.9-acre site along the waterfront of Male in the Maldives, the new Villingili ferry terminal building and its mixed-use development of hotel retail and office tower is designed to be a new landmark for the nation's capital. The development will be built in two phases with phase one being the terminal, office tower and partial retail, while Phase two will accommodate the hotel, F&B and car park.



Status: Under Construction



Current image

Whilst the first phase is being constructed, the existing terminal will be relocated and later returned upon completion of the project. The eclectic building facade attained its unique character by implementing Islamic motifs inspired by local culture, while screens and vertical fins are introduced to reduce solar heat gain to the building. With an estimated GFA of over 100,000 sq.ft., the building form is designed for maximum views of the cityscape, harbour and sea.

BINTAN RESORT, Indonesia

As a part of Indonesia's Riau Archipelago within a short boat ride from the city of Singapore, Bintan Island attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually as a resort destination offering secluded beaches and diverse water sports. Located at the east coast of Bintan Island, this resort development comprises of a beachfront hotel and water villas.



Status: Under Construction

Perched along 5.5 acres of land, the hotel consists of five blocks, an outdoor restaurant, an infinity pool and a rock spa, all designed to fully immerse the guests within nature and with the back drop of a sensational panoramic sea view. Worth mentioning, at the north end of the development, a unique rock spa is featured to create a semi-outdoor space for relaxation.

TREHAUS RESIDENCES - Bukit Jambul, Penang

The Trehaus is an exclusive low-density residential development nestled within an enclave of Bukit Jambul in Penang. Comprising 26-units of semi-detached villas and 46-units of condominium villas, the development is surrounded with lush greenery and exceptional views of the straits of Penang.



Status: Under Construction

To achieve maximum and unobstructed views of the surroundings, the two and three storey semi-detached villas are elevated above ground. The arrangements of the plots in tiers minimizes earth cutting while maintaining the natural form of the hill slopes.

The two towers housing the twelve and thirteen storey condominium villas are located near the archard. Arranged with only two units per level, they are 'Semi-D's in the sky' with each unit facing the remarkable view of the Penang Bridge.



THE ANGSA NA RESORT, SPA AND APARTMENTS - Teluk Bahang, Penang

Located on the prime beach of Penang Island, the Angsana Teluk Bahang is a mixed-use development comprising of three blocks of five, nine, and sixteen storeys of medical tourism, hotel and serviced residences respectively.



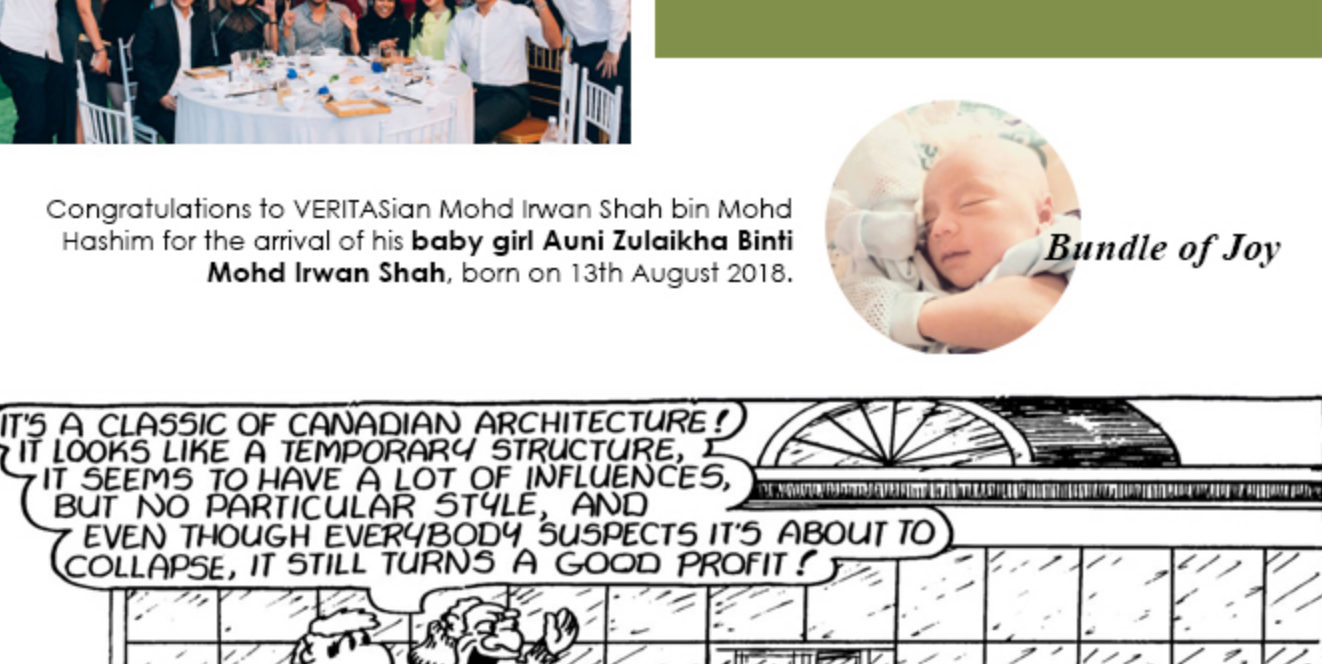
The design aspiration is to build a new class of development that takes a contemporary approach to create a bold landmark while celebrating its unique site, bringing together the azure sea and the tropical forest, inspired by the Peranakan traditional card game called 'Cherki'. Facade screens with intricate motifs are incorporated to add layers into the spaces and create a play of light and shadow. The Angsana Teluk Bahang has won Asia's Best Resort Residences 2015 award.

Status: Under Construction

OTHER NEWS

VERITAS FUND for EXCELLENCE (VFE) KAMPUNGKU PROJECT

On 17th till 19th August 2018, a group of 9 VERITASians aimed at bringing artificial lighting to orang asli villages across rural Malaysia.



The co-founder of Kampungku is an NGO called ECOMY and the project's new partners: VERITAS, Haslani and Lewis & Clark College of USA were part of this particular Kampungku expedition. The VERITASians led by Latha Ramasamy, Head of Human Resources worked with the indigenous tribes people to construct bamboo frames for the photovoltaic panels, and installed wiring and lighting to the many homes in the village.



This project is part of VERITAS FUND for EXCELLENCE (VFE) for 2018. The VFE was founded in 2004 to further the firm's core values of constant innovation, a commitment to design excellence and social responsibility towards the built environment. It is hoped that the fund will encourage more design students and teachers to excel in various design fields and eventually contribute towards nation-building as architects, designers and educators.

NEWLY WED



Congratulations to VERITASian **Verity Tan** and his spouse **Willia** for tying the knot on 18th August 2018 at EXB/Collective, Subang.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - August

- 1st Nur Syazleen
- 3rd Mohd Ashraf Sofian, Norsyahiqah
- Bintli Abd Kadir
- 6th Zairul Adam B Mohd Azzi
- 7th Nekmat Bin Abu, Khai Izwan Bin Zakaria
- 8th Leo Firdaus Bin Suiyo
- 9th Noor Saiful
- 13th Wan Zalelawati
- 14th Devi
- 15th Nurhiduda
- 18th Sifi Nurhajar
- 21st Harulnizar B. Parli
- 22nd Mohd Anif
- 24th Rozaini Bin Majid
- 25th Noorhisham Bin Mokhtar, Che Amaludin
- Thomas Liew, Azizsham Bin Kasim
- Noor Syahira BI Ahmad Noradin
- 26th Suhaila Bin Haruddin, Saniah Ibrahim
- 28th Mohd Firdaus Bin Ahmad

Congratulations to VERITASian **Mohd Irwan Shah bin Mohd Hashim** for the arrival of his **baby girl Auni Zulakha Binti Mohd Irwan Shah**, born on 13th August 2018.

Bundle of Joy

IT'S A CLASSIC OF CANADIAN ARCHITECTURE. IT LOOKS LIKE A TEMPORARY BUILDING, BUT NO PARTICULAR STYLE, AND EVEN THOUGH EVERYBODY SUSPECTS IT'S ABOUT TO COLLAPSE, IT STILL TURNS A GOOD PROFIT!

~ Robert Ingersoll

ideas for the world

WHERE ARE WE FEATURED



FOCUS MALAYSIA MAGAZINE Is this what we want?

On 4th August 2018, VERITAS Digital Marketing Executive **Venuthan Ganasan**, published an article in the Focus Malaysia property section. The article explored the decision-making process of Gen Y/Millennials in the buying of property, especially in the current economic environment.

THE CORRELATION BETWEEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING + URBAN PLANNING

Ihsan Hassan, Architect, VERITAS Design Group

BFM 89.9 THE BUSINESS STATION RADIO INTERVIEW

Ihsan Hassan of VERITAS Architects shared his insights on the radio about the correlation between affordable housing and urban planning and where are the key criteria for good urban planning. His talk was aired on the property show of BFM radio on Friday, 17th August 2018.

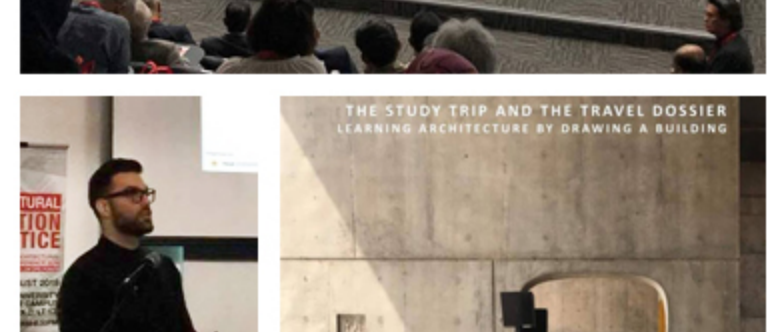
Eager to learn? You're hired!

You're hiring the right person for the job. You're hiring the right person for the job. You're hiring the right person for the job.

SUN BIZ: EAGER TO LEARN? YOU'RE HIRED!

On 27th August 2018, VERITAS Principal **Lillian Tay** was featured in Sun Newspaper. Lillian is the first woman to be profiled in the SunBiz section for the success: insight story column. The interview highlighted the traits she believes necessary for success and her experience as top notch leader in architectural industry.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @VERITAS?



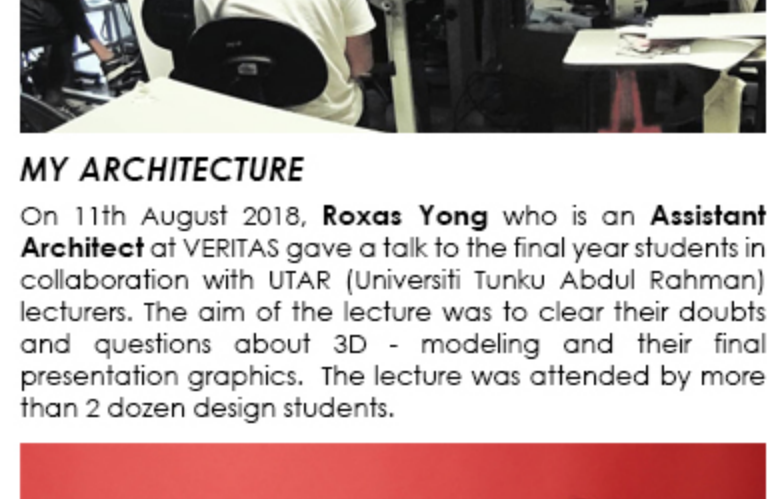
ARCHITECTURE+DESIGN CHIT CHAT EVENT

On 20th July 2018, VERITAS Principal **Lillian Tay** gave a talk at an Architecture+Design Chit-Chat Event in Bangkok, India on "Technologically-driven Architecture: Challenges to the Creative Process". Lillian's talk explored how we balance technology with sustainability, inclusivity and local culture? How do we harness this wave of disruptive technology to build our homes, workplaces and cities?



PERSATUAN ARKITEK MALAYSIA (PAM) INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2018

On 7th August 2018, Dr Miguel Robles of VERITAS Architects gave a talk entitled "The Study Trip and the Travel Dossier: Learning Architecture by Drawing Buildings" for the PAM (Persatuan Arkitek Malaysia) International Architectural Education Conference 2018. The event was held at Taylor's University-Lakeside Campus and was well attended by students and PAM members.



MY ARCHITECTURE

On 11th August 2018, **Roxas Yang** who is an Assistant Architect at VERITAS gave a talk to the final year students in collaboration with UTAR (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman) lecturers. The aim of the lecture was to clear their doubts and questions about 3D - modeling and their final presentation graphics. The lecture was attended by more than 2 dozen design students.



SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN (SUTD) SUSTAINABLE DESIGN OPTION STUDIO FINAL REVIEW

On 16th August 2018, VERITAS Principal **Lillian Tay** served as guest judge for the final review of the Sustainable Design Option Studio of the Singapore University of Technology and Design. The students received Lillian's feedback and guidance to help them improve their design skills and grow as future architects.



SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FUTURES CONFERENCE, THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

YB Puan Hajah Zuraida Kamaruddin Minister of Housing and Local Government 15-16 August 2018

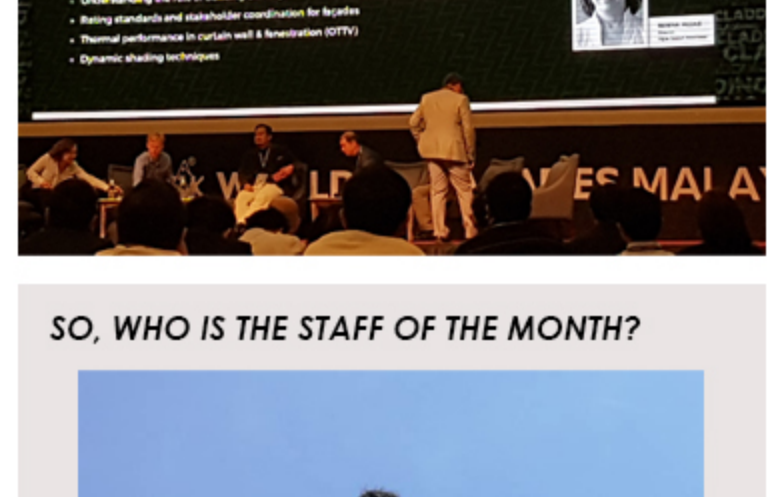


On 16th August 2018, VERITAS Principal **Azif Nasaruddin** gave a talk on "Rethinking Affordable Housing: an integrated approach to solving the nation's housing challenges" at the Sustainable Housing Futures Conference held in LimkokWing University, Cyberjaya. VERITAS was also the sponsor for the event in collaboration with Brunelfield Berhad.



ZAK WORLD OF FACADES CONFERENCE

Optimizing facades to suit tropical climate. Schuco World of Facades Malaysia 2018. St. Regis Kuala Lumpur.



SO, WHO IS THE STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Our staff of the month for August 2018 is VERITASian **Teh Seong Cheng**, one of the most advanced building that accommodates diverse functions (mini-city on its own) and powered up by integrated double-helix wind turbines. It occurred to me that it's just matters of time for such designs to become real. Coincidentally, this fictional building also holds the spherical "pearl" at the top, symbolically represents Penang also known as "Pearl of the Orient". That would be my inspiration if I get a chance to design a skyscraper in Penang.

VG: How would describe working in VERITAS in a Movie title?
TC: I would pick "The Matrix" as there are limitless opportunities and possibilities provided in VERITAS, and they allow me to chart my career path through learning and sharing in this amazing working environment.

VG: What's your passion or hobby?
TC: I like traveling to new places, opening myself up to new experiences and getting to know different people, culture and lifestyles. This not only creates memories but builds new skills as well. I also love watching and playing football which I believe helps to drive me as a team player.

VG: What inspired you to become an Architect?
TC: Ever since I was young, I had great passion for construction. As a kid, I used to play with toy cranes, excavators, etc., and spent hours building with LEGO blocks. Without a second thought, I chose to pursue architecture as my career path. Moreover the satisfaction of turning drawings on paper into real buildings was too irresistible.

VG: How do you balance your family life and working life?
TC: I am an organized person and believe in good time management to strike a balance between work and life, and focusing on right priorities certainly helps as well.

VG: Where do you see yourself in another 5 years?
TC: I will be a more experienced architect (hopefully passing the Part 3 exam) with more diverse knowledge not limited to just architecture. Then I expect to contribute more to the growth of the company.

VG: If you were given a chance to work in VERITAS KL will you take that opportunity? And Why?
TC: I would not reject any good opportunity and greater challenge which would be beneficial to my career. That being said, I appreciate the current opportunity in Penang with VERITAS that certainly provides me with the much-needed challenge and push for an continual growth as an architect.

VG: If you had chance to design a skyscraper in Penang, what would inspire you?
TC: I recently watched a movie titled "skyscraper"; and the fictional tallest and most advanced building that accommodates diverse functions (mini-city on its own) and powered up by integrated double-helix wind turbines. It occurred to me that it's just matters of time for such designs to become real. Coincidentally, this fictional building also holds the spherical "pearl" at the top, symbolically represents Penang also known as "Pearl of the Orient". That would be my inspiration if I get a chance to design a skyscraper in Penang.