

**VERITAS e-news** is a monthly on-line publication of features, news and events at **VERITAS**, a premier architecture and design firm based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **VERITAS e-news** has a subscriber base of 3000 readers.



*Greetings, and Selamat Hari Malaysia to all our readers!*

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature some of our recent rail-related projects. These build on a tradition of rail projects to which VERITAS has contributed since the early-2000's starting with the double-track **KTMB Rawang-Ipoh Stations**.

We are also pleased to feature our annual company trip to Sarawak; The Edge Bursa-Rat Race 2013 and other interesting happenings here at VERITAS.

**MAIN NEWS**

**● MY RAPID TRANSIT (MRT) UNDERGROUND & ELEVATED (SOUTH SECTOR) STATIONS KUALA LUMPUR & SELANGOR**

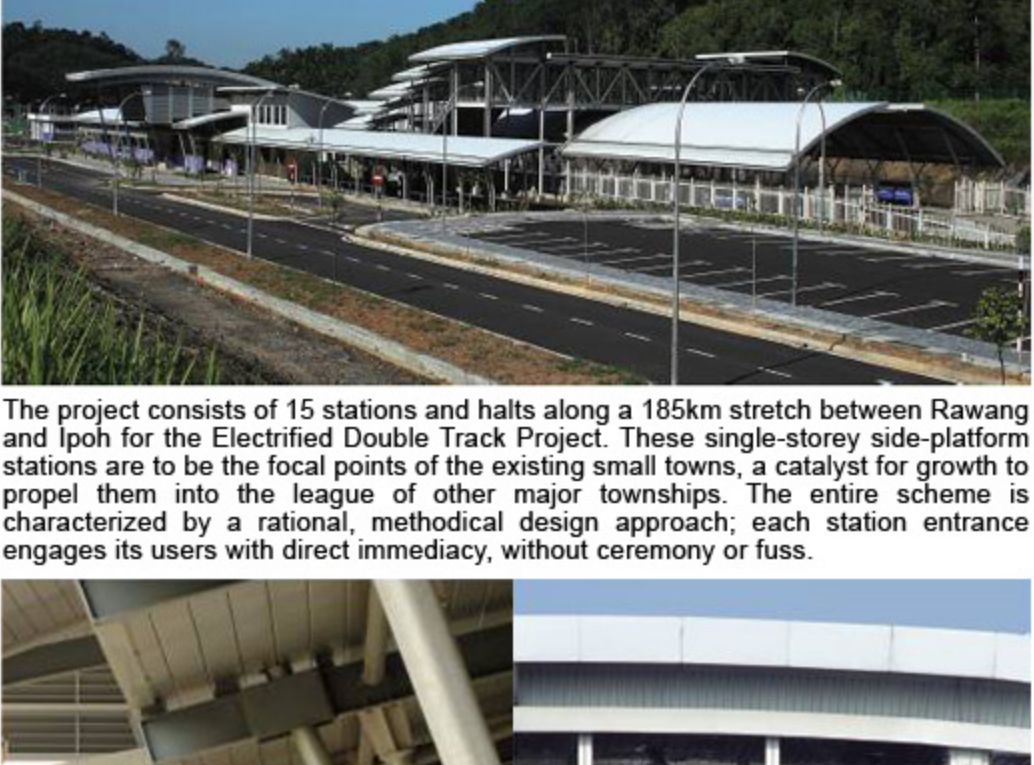


The Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) is a proposed 3-line 150 km rail system in the Klang Valley/Greater KL conurbation which envisages a "Wheel and Spoke" concept comprising two northeast-southwest radial lines and one circle line looping around Kuala Lumpur city. The stations designed by VERITAS comprise prominent metropolitan points of interchange at locations as strategic as Bukit Bintang, KL Sentral, Pasar Seni and Stadium Merdeka.



**● IPOH RAILWAY STATION REHABILITATION, IPOH, PERAK**

The original building is a 3-storey historical structure with Neo-Classical and Moorish influences. The structure, built in 1935 during the British era in Malaya, is one of the earliest train stations in the country. The upper levels of the original structure house a hotel, whereas the station facilities are confined to the floors below. The design intent was to rehabilitate the existing structure with minimal intervention whilst upgrading the main station platform.



An extension of the station platform is inserted adjacent to the old structure. The roof embraces the structure without touching it and the new addresses the old in one single, elegant gesture. This project for DRB-Hicom was completed in June 2007.

**● KTMB RAWANG-IPOH DOUBLE TRACKING STATIONS, RAWANG-IPOH**



The project consists of 15 stations and halts along a 185km stretch between Rawang and Ipoh for the Electrified Double Track Project. These single-storey side-platform stations are to be the focal points of the existing small towns, a catalyst for growth to propel them into the league of other major townships. The entire scheme is characterized by a rational, methodical design approach; each station entrance engages its users with direct immediacy, without ceremony or fuss.

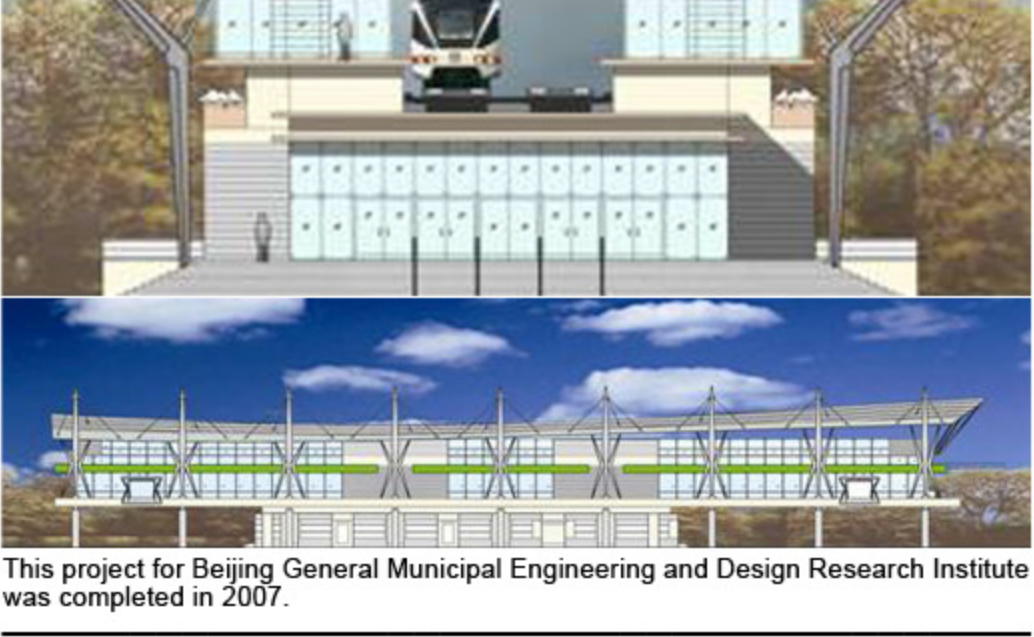


The form of the station buildings are delineated by a hierarchy of curved canopies. Small roof canopies stagger in ascension with the pedestrians' footpaths. This project for DRB-Hicom was completed in 2007.

**● PUTRAJAYA WESTERN TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL, PUTRAJAYA**

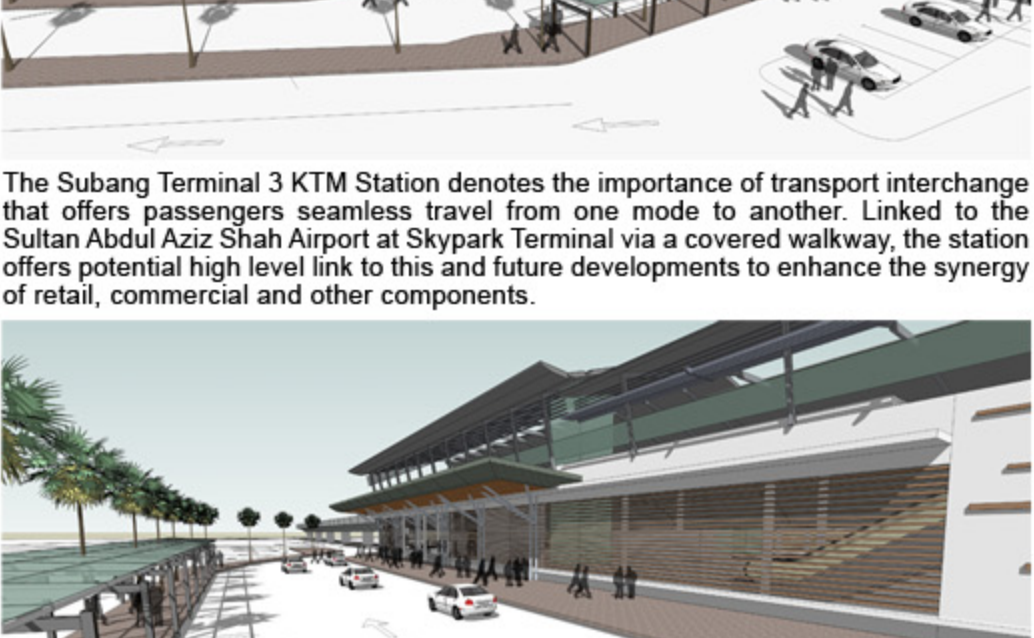


Designed as a transportation hub integrating multiple modes of public transportation under one roof, the Western Transportation Terminal is logistically and literally speaking the gateway into Putrajaya. The 3-storey terminal complex houses an express shuttle train traveling from the (KLIA) Kuala Lumpur International Airport into the Kuala Lumpur city center, a monorail station servicing Putrajaya, local bus terminals and taxi stations. The structure is conceived as an assemblage of open pavilions linked to the Main Concourse, the spine and anchor for the multiple components of transportations.



This public space cuts across the divisive rail tracks, unifying the entire scheme in a single, uncompromising gesture. An architecture without walls; the Western Transportation Terminal seeks to free the spaces of absolute boundaries. This project for Monorail Malaysia Technology Sdn Bhd was completed in 2003.

**● BEIJING 5th Rail, BEIJING, CHINA**

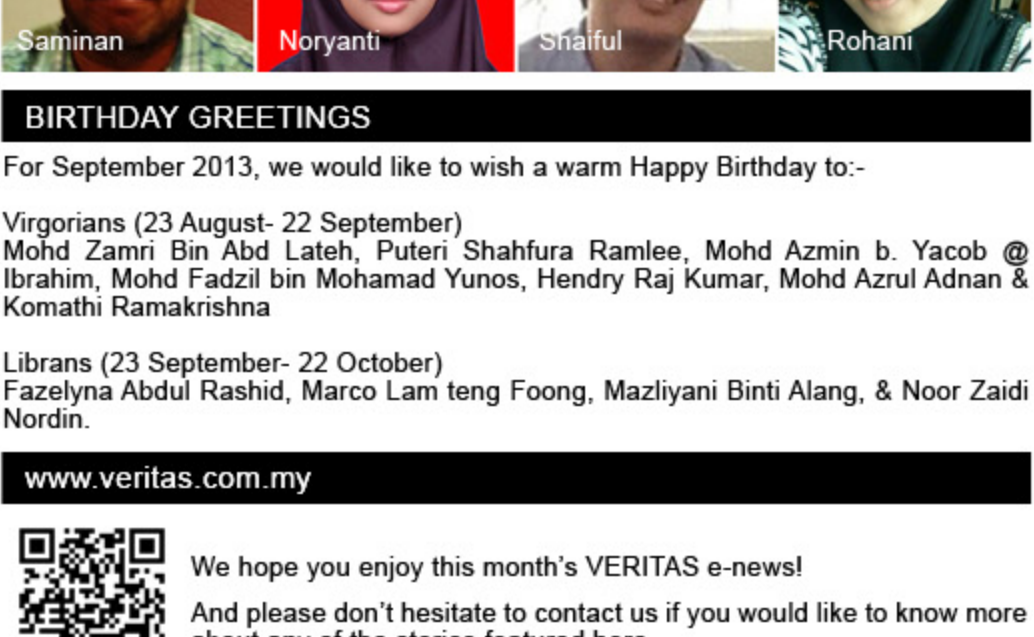


The Beijing 5th Rail is part of a large transit infrastructure to link the whole of Beijing. The 5th Rail network consists of 6 stations running parallel to the Olympic site that is a few blocks away. Designed as a series of stops that tell a story to be interpreted differently, it expounds the ideals of the Olympics' sustainable cityscape development and a message of humanism. These ideals are merged with the story of Beijing to create a simple but elegant built form; solid and natural at the base, it opens up to lighter clear transparent canopies to allow generous daylight to the platforms.



This project for Beijing General Municipal Engineering and Design Research Institute was completed in 2007.

**● SUBANG SKYPARK STATION, SUBANG**



The Subang Terminal 3 KTM Station denotes the importance of transport interchange that offers passengers seamless travel from one mode to another. Linked to the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport at Skypark Terminal via a covered walkway, the station offers potential high level link to this and future developments to enhance the synergy of retail, commercial and other components.

**VERITAS IN THE NEWS**



**● NEWS STRAITS TIMES Celebrating the Malaysian spirit of architecture in tall buildings**

VERITAS Principal, Lillian Tay was featured in the News Straits Times newspaper on 13th September 2013. Lillian shared her many years of experience in designing tall buildings.

**● VERITAS RAYA PARTY**

On the 5th of September 2013, the management of VERITAS organized a Hari Raya Open house at the Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club Poolside at Bukit Kiara.



This get-together attracted a huge turnout by our Clients, associates, consultants, friends and VERITASians. Clients who attended included Datuk Richard Fong from Glomac Berhad, Tan Sri Ravindran Menon from Subang SkyPark, Datuk Bhaskaran Pillai from Samling, Dato Rosalind Ganendra from Minconsult and many more.



A scrumptious buffet spread of Raya delicacies awaited them. They were also entertained by a troupe of traditional music performers from Akademi Seni Budaya dan Warisan Kebangsaan (ASWARA).

**● COMPANY TRIP-KUCHING SARAWAK**



On 13th September to 16th September 2013, VERITASians embarked on our Annual Staff Retreat and Study Trip to Kuching, Sarawak. Our stay was filled with day-to-night activities; including an assortment of visits to Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak building, Sarawak Energy HQ, Sarawak Convention Center, Orang Utan Sanctuary, Jong Crocodile farm and of course to the Sarawak cultural village in Damai.

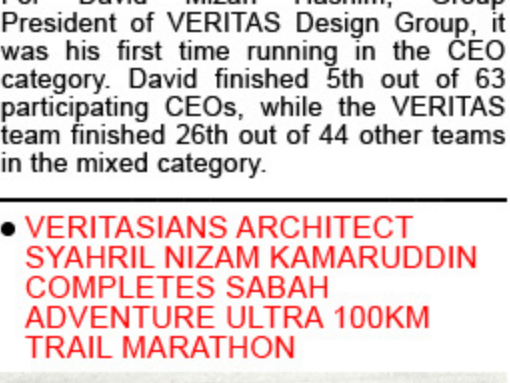


Overall it was an amazing trip wherein our VERITASians were given the opportunity to expand their perspectives. No doubt, the trip was an invaluable and fun experience for all.

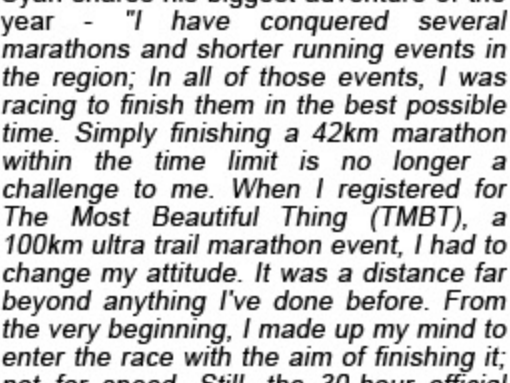
**● THE EDGE BURSA RAT RACE 2013**



THE Kuala Lumpur Rat Race® has long been regarded as a must-attend event for Corporate Malaysia, as evident in its 14th year running since its inaugural event back in 2000. This is VERITAS' first year to don their running shoes for The Edge Bursa charity.



This year's Kuala Lumpur Rat Race®, was held on Tuesday, 17 September 2013, with a route of 4.5KM through the commercial heart of Kuala Lumpur.

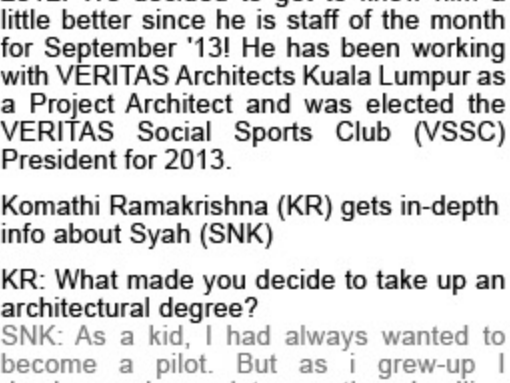


For David Mizan Hashim, Group President of VERITAS Design Group, it was his first time running in the CEO category. David finished 5th out of 63 participating CEOs, while the VERITAS team finished 26th out of 44 other teams in the mixed category.

**● VERITASIAN ARCHITECT SYAHRIL NIZAM KAMARUDDIN COMPLETES SABAH ADVENTURE ULTRA 100KM TRAIL MARATHON**



Syahril Nizam Kamaruddin, a 100km trail marathon event, I had to change my attitude. It was a distance far beyond anything I've done before. From the very beginning, I made up my mind to enter the race with the aim of finishing it, not for speed. Still, the 30-hour official time limit seemed very generous. Despite tired muscles, darkness of the night, cold temperature of the highlands and the annoying rain, I manage to complete the 100km race in 27 hours..."



**STAFF OF THE MONTH**



Syahril Nizam Kamaruddin (SNK) has been with VERITAS since September 2012. We decided to get to know him a little better since he is staff of the month for September '13! He has been working with VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur as a Project Architect and was elected the VERITAS Social Sports Club (VSSC) President for 2013.

Komathi Ramakrishna (KR) gets in-depth info about Syahril Nizam Kamaruddin (SNK)

KR: What made you decide to take up an architectural degree?  
SNK: As a kid, I had always wanted to become a pilot. But as I grew-up I daydreamed a lot mostly doodling aeroplanes, airports etc. So as my airplane sketches got better, my mathematics and science suffered. And thus I discovered architecture – and now I have the opportunity to design airports!

KR: Tell me a little about the project you are working on right now.  
SNK: I am working on the W-Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. It is 55-storey tower which consists of prestigious and hip W-Hotel and The Residence Serviced Apartments.

KR: What was your proudest moment working in VERITAS?  
SNK: I do not have a particular moment completed with VERITAS (yet), so for now my proudest moments are in knowing that if the VSSC members are happy with the activities we have held together thus far.

KR: What is your favourite building and why?  
SNK: I do not have any favourite building in particular (I think it's not fair to have just one), but I love modern Japanese, compact homes. The amount of creativity within those confined boxes is limitless. The house in itself could be a compact gym unfolding all its secret spaces.

KR: What are your interests/hobbies?  
SNK: I am an avid trail ultra marathon, and have developed a passion for outdoor adventures and multi-sports adventures. If only I could find the time to train! I am eyeing diving as my next-to-do list. My other interest is light entertainment including weekly Spongebob Squarepants, WordWorld and Barbie movies.

KR: If you were given a chance to take up one of the EXCO member's position which would it be and what major changes would you do?  
SNK: I'd take up Latha's position and do staff training Bootcamp-style!

KR: What is your future plan with VERITAS?  
SNK: World domination!  
KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?  
SNK: First-hand experience, and Work-Life Balance

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"I had to know if I could make it somewhere else. I did not want to go through the rest of my life wondering what might have been without putting myself to the test."  
~ KENNY DALGLISH

**NEWCOMERS**

Welcome on board new VERITASians: assistant architect Fakhrul Haziq Ismail and draught person Mohd Khalil Mohd Saufee for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur. Also Office Manager Mohd Shafiq Rizal Mat Nayan, Senior Landscape Architect, Saminan Yunus; Landscape Architect Noryanti Jamal, Norliana Abd Samad; Office Administrator Nurul Nabilah Kasim and Secretary cum Admin Assistant Siti Rohani Jamal



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

For September 2013, we would like to wish a warm Happy Birthday to:-  
Virgorian's (23 August- 22 September)  
Mohd Zamri Bin Abd Lateh, Puteri Shaufura Ramlee, Mohd Azmin b. Yacob @ Ibrahim, Mohd Fadzil bin Mohamad Jamal, Ramly Raj Kumar, Mohd Azrul Adnan & Komathi Ramakrishna  
Librans (23 September- 22 October)  
Fazelyna Abdul Rashid, Marco Lam teng Foong, Mazliyani Binti Alang, & Noor Zaidi Nordin.

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