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Greetings, Selamat Hari Malaysia and Selamat Hari Raya Haji to all our readers!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature an in-depth exposé of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives and other non work-related programs at VERITAS. These have become an integral part of the culture at VERITAS Design Group for many years.

At VERITAS, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is reflected in the collective commitment and accountability of all our business operations. Due to the diverse business nature of the Group and its widespread design operations, VERITAS continuously strives to inculcate and embed CSR into its value chain, taking into consideration its responsibilities and the expectations of its stakeholders. It is a commitment that goes beyond regulatory compliance and ethical business behaviour.

We are also pleased to feature our recent 'VERITAS Staff Retreat' 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.

VERITAS DESIGN GROUP - CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) in Design Education which was founded in 2004 by the VERITAS Design Group to further our core values of constant innovation, commitment to design excellence and social responsibility toward the built environment. The fund arose from VERITAS vision to encourage more design students and educators to excel in their respective fields and eventually contribute further toward nation building as designers and educators.

VERITAS Design Group has a long history of exercising its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through contributions, donations and positive action in the community. Today, VERITAS' CSR framework is dynamic and incorporates not only operational responsibility but also shared value creation. Our core businesses are tied to a unifying objective and pledge: to ensure business sustainability without compromising the rights and needs of future generations.

VERITAS DESIGN GROUP AND VERITAS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE - MANGROVE TREE PLANTING



On 22 May 2015 the VFE and the Malaysia Nature Society (MNS) planted hundreds of mangrove trees. At the Kuala Selangor Nature Park. About 100 volunteer staff and family members of the VERITAS Design Group participated in this tree planting. The effort was part of the company's sustainability agenda to combat climate change and create awareness among our staff on the importance of the natural environment.



VERITAS Design Group is dedicated to protecting the environment and has been working closely with MNS since 2006 with their first project; the MNS Pavilion. VERITAS' sustainability agenda declares that, "It's not an obligation. It's an opportunity to do the right thing for the people we've come to know."

VERITAS DESIGN GROUP AND KUALA LUMPUR CITY HALL (DBKL) - 'ADOPT A PARK'



VERITAS Design Group recently embarked upon an 'Adopt-A-Park' programme with the goal of creating pocket-parks in Kuala Lumpur which form oasis of greenery and tranquillity in the bustling city center.

On 15th of June 2015 VERITAS Design Group signed an agreement with Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) for sponsoring and promoting the traffic 'island' on Jalan Ampang opposite the Kuala Lumpur City Center. VERITAS adopted this first pocket-park which includes the installation of walkways, artwork, garden lights, shady trees and ornamental shrubs. The Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.A) signing ceremony was officiated by Tan Sri Haji Ahmad Peshal Bin Hj Talib, the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur and David Mizan Hashim, Group President of VERITAS.



VERITAS NEPAL EARTHQUAKE FUND

Moved by the suffering of Nepalese society after the Himalayan nation was battered by the worst earthquake in 80 years, VERITAS Design Group collected RM10,000 in funds from VERITAS staff and Management to build five temporary shelters.



With assistance from the Arun Chaudhary Foundation based in Katmandu, the structures were built last month for the homeless victims for use as temporary shelters. The three-meter wide, 4.6 meter high structures made from aluminium coat-based material costing US\$500 per unit and can accommodate a family of five.

Where are we FEATURED?

MALAYSIA SME MAGAZINE - EXPERT: NEW MINDSET NEEDED ON CONSTRUCTION

Expert: new mindset needed on construction

Business community carries responsibility to go green, starting with buildings purchased for business operations

Writing that the United Kingdom's Green Building Council (GBC) Managing Director CK Tang is a leading voice for green buildings, the Malaysian government is to be commended for its initiative to build green buildings. The initiative is to be commended for its initiative to build green buildings. The initiative is to be commended for its initiative to build green buildings.

As a result of this, many construction-related projects are being undertaken. The initiative is to be commended for its initiative to build green buildings. The initiative is to be commended for its initiative to build green buildings.

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STAR METRO

VERITAS Design Group's exciting new project the Zouk Club was featured in a 2-page spread of the Star newspaper recently. This two-storey multi-room entertainment 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 visitor 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.



Dazzling new home for club

Zouk KL celebrates its rebirth with grand launch and private party

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VERITAS Design Group was featured in the August 22 - September 6, 2015 issue of Malaysia (SME) Magazine. It focused on our VERITAS Environment Sdn Bhd (VESB) Principal CK Tang and the capabilities and achievements of VESB. The article identified VERITAS as one of the top environmental consultancy practices in Malaysia based on the five-star rating system for energy efficiency (EE) performance.

ASIA DESIGN FORUM ON GREEN DESIGN



VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay gave a presentation at the ASIA Design Forum which was held on 19 September 2015 at the New Otani Chang Fu Gong Hotel, Beijing China. She gave a talk on "Global Green Design and Asia Green Implementation" focusing on VERITAS' green buildings. The event was well attended by designers, senior officers from the government sector GLCs, and of course many local and foreign architects.

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Welcome on board new VERITASians:

Architect Manisha Sharma; Assistant Architects Fasykim Khalif, Nur Fazuin Ramli, Abdul Aziz Rusly and Haseef Rafiei; BIM Technician Mohd Faizal Abdul Rahman; draughtperson Engku Mohd Faez Ungku Md Suleh for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.

Interns Nur Amira Bt Mohd Rafea and Nuralisya Hakim Boey for VERITAS Interiors.

Executive Admin Cum Account Ramlah Mohd Yusof and Account Assistant Adnan Yusof Accountant for VERITAS Contract.

so WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Idris Pathan was born on 7 November 1982 and is married to Surotee Saikhol Rosli, a Senior Electrical Engineer with Petronas. They have 2 kids; Zara Idris, 6 years old and Rehan Idris aged 3. He has been with VERITAS Landscape since February 2014 as an Associate. Idris is a lively, charismatic and humorous person. He is passionate about saving the planet and has many great ideas to "paint the world green". For this, he was appointed to spearhead the recent Adopt-A-Park programme. His dedication and determination have also resulted in his recent interview with Business FM (BFM) radio station on that unique project.

Komathi Ramakrishna (KR) gets in-depth info about Idris Pathan (IP)

KR: What inspired you to join VERITAS?
I joined VERITAS during the transitional leadership period of VERITAS Landscape and this provided me lots of opportunities and challenges. I wanted to challenge myself, get out of my comfort zone and contribute to make VERITAS Landscape a better company in terms of design and profitability.

KR: You have been working here for over a year. What is your proudest moment so far?
In 5 months time I will complete 2 years of being a VERITASian. This is something that I'm really proud of. The other proudest moment so far at VERITAS have to be the days when we receive positive feedback from our Clients. This is something that I like to share with and congratulate my team for. Without their effort, dedication and hard work, we wouldn't have received that recognition.

KR: Tell us how you can make the world a better place to live in?
Being a landscape architect makes me want to contribute more to the current environmental issues that we are facing. We should all be as efficient as possible in everything we do, whether personal or work-related.

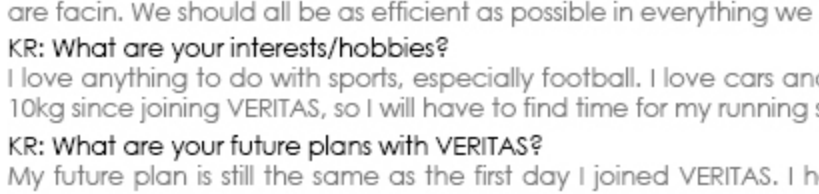
KR: What are your interests/hobbies?
I love anything to do with sports, especially football. I love cars and food as well! But I have gained about 10kg since joining VERITAS, so I will have to find time for my running soon.. Ha-ha-ha

KR: What are your future plans with VERITAS?
My future plan is still the same as the first day I joined VERITAS. I hope one day, I can contribute more to making VERITAS Landscape the best and most successful landscape design firm in Malaysia!

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?
Boundless company, interesting place/cultures, great people.

Well done Idris!! It has been a great journey with you so far and many more great adventures at VERITAS shall await us.

so WHO got HITCHED!!



We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Johor, Muhammad Afiq Bin Rosman and his wife, Nadiah Farehan on their recent marriage. The 'Bersanding' ceremony was held on the 12 September at Duchess Place, Kuala Lumpur and followed by a grand reception on the 19th September at Matriade Kuala Lumpur.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Meor Yernie Bin Mansur, Aida Elyana Jamil, Loh Siew Ying, Mohd Azmin Yacob @ Ibrahim, Mohd Khalil Mohd Saufee, Wan Mohd Nizam Wan Abdul Wahab, Muhammad Taufiq Nazarudin, Muhammad Fazlee Sabarudin, Ho Cia Shin, Chian Chia Wee, Abdul Rahim Khair, Mohd Azrul Bin Adnan, Ahmad Fadley Jamaludin, Ahmad Fadli Jamaludin, Abu Hazeiq Abu Hassan, Alif Arif Iskandar Abd Wahab, Nadhira Akmal Ismil Harun, Komathi Ramakrishna, Muhammad Najib Mohd Zailani, Faiz Zainal Anif, Alias Md Noor, Muhammad Zharif Rafiq Rozlan, Noor Zaidi Nordin, Hendry Rajkumar, Shashikala , Fazelyna Abdul Rashid, Mohamed Nazzeem Abdullah, Mohd Fadzil Mohamad Yunos, Y.Vijaya Kumar Yadaganathan, Muhammad Afiq Rosman, Zarina Bachok Beduwi and Saza Nuryana Sabarudin.

SKETCHES & SCRIBBLES



"Imagination is more important than knowledge, knowledge is limited, imagination encircles the world."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN-

BUNDE OF JOY



Congratulations to our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Zaffrul Bin Shahrman and his wife Nik Aminah Nadia Nik Lockman on the arrival of their lovely baby girl, Anis Sofia Zaffrul born on 1st of September 2015.

Congratulations to our VERITAS Architects Johor Mohd Ashfaq Sofian Bin Mohd Rashid and his wife Nurfaizina Binti Raffar on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Elijyah Sofia born on 29 August 2015.

Also a big congratulations to our Johor Shah Jadafar he is now a true Datuk (grandfather)!! Best wishes to his son Shah-Arif Bin Md Shah and his daughter-in-law Airny Yunsita Binti A.Rahim on the arrival of their endearing baby boy Johan Shah Bin Shah-Arif born on 15th September 2015

It has been a productive month at VERITAS!! Best wishes to the proud parents!!