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Greetings, **Selamat Satu Malaysia** and **Salam Satu VERITAS** to all our readers!

In this month's E-news, we are delighted to focus on **EDUCATION!** We are also pleased to feature four premium education projects by VERITAS which have recently been completed or are under construction; the **International School of Kuala Lumpur** in Ampang Hilir, **St. Joseph's Institution International School** in Petaling Jaya, the **Special Education Secondary School** in Merbok, Kedah and the **Reading University of Malaysia** in Johor.

We are also pleased to feature our **VERITAS Lecture Series 9 (VLS 9)** and our success at the recently concluded **Cityscape Awards** in Dubai. 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 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO - At VERITAS, community and educational work has always been an **important** component of our portfolio, and we have always given it our **fullest attention** despite its relatively modest scale compared to our "high-profile" projects. In viewing this current work, we hope you will agree.

International School of Kuala Lumpur (in collaboration with HOK) - Located on a 26-acre site in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur, the new campus for the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) will be an opportunity to bring all three parts of ISKL (elementary, middle and high school) back together again in one location in a new space fully appropriate to the School's unique identity. The new campus will accommodate 2,000 students with a provision to expand to 2,500 students in the future, and it is to be a sustainable exemplar both for the region and the world, aiming to obtain a **GBI Platinum rating**.



In addition to classrooms, the program for the School comprises a performing arts centre, music, arts and drama departments, two separate gyms, two swimming pools (50m and a 25 m), 3 football fields, a running track, tennis and badminton courts, student activity spaces, cafeterias and science labs.



The various parts of the School are linked by a **curvilinear "spine" structure** that connects the public area of the streetscape and the private world of the School. The heart of the project is the central plaza and the performing arts centre - a complex of performance, gallery and gathering spaces - where the School community will come together. The International School of Kuala Lumpur is under construction and will be completed in 2018.

Reading University - The campus for University of Reading consists of 2-blocks with a central covered courtyard that allows students, staff and visitors to experience the blurring edges of formal and informal teaching. The classrooms and laboratories are connected with pedestrian link bridges and a distinctive **EIFFE roof** provides protection for rain while bringing natural lighting into this 4-storey courtyard.



The campus offers Law, Business and Built Environment, Chemistry and Pharmacy to approximately 2,000 students alongside 400 teaching and support staff. The University of Reading Malaysia Campus (UoRMC) is part of Educy@Iskandar, Nusajaya, Johor and was completed in late 2015. VERITAS collaborated on the project with Scott Brownrigg Architects from the United Kingdom.



St. Joseph's Institution International School (Tropicana PJ Campus) - The site's 6-acre land is gently sloped with a slight depression towards the North East. With a total built-up area of about 300,000 square feet, the School is able to cater for approximately 1,800 students from K-12 years with a teacher to student ratio of one to fifteen.



The design approach focuses on the institution's core values, which is **people-centric** and in which relationships are highly valued. The spirit of interaction is expressed in the open-air design of the link-ways and open corridors that connect each block of the whole complex at every floor level. This open gesture allows for large congregations of people and becomes the central feature of the School.



The main entrance is designed as an open portico with the administration block held up by protruding boxes to create a welcoming gesture. There is also a link bridge that provides direct access from the administration and multipurpose hall to the assembly point, right at the Northern end of the football field. The academic blocks are rectangular in shape with large open-air corridors designed for natural ventilation. This shape is chosen because of its efficiency in terms of cost and spatial configuration. Students and instructors will be able to utilize the wide corridors for other activities when required. The St. Joseph's Institution International School was completed in July 2016.

Special Education Secondary School in Merbok, Kedah

This unique School caters for a population of 800 disabled vocational students with full **barrier-free facilities** such as workshops, hostels, staff quarters and sport facilities. The building's layout is inspired by the shape of human fingers. It consists of a three-storey academic block and workshop with a spine that ties together all the blocks to the administration building. This spine is a three-level horizontal linkage that provides an efficient promenade for the disabled students to move about.



At the end of the spine is the student co-curriculum activity centre and multipurpose canteen hall which also connects to the library and surau. The Special Education Secondary School in Merbok, Kedah was completed in July 2016.



WHERE ARE WE FEATURED?

THE EDGE FINANCIAL DAILY

VERITAS Wins 2016 Cityscape Awards for Emerging Markets! VERITAS Principal Lillian Tay was featured in the September 13th issue of The Edge Financial Daily. She received the award at the Cityscape Awards ceremony held on 6th September 2016 at the Conrad Hotel Dubai, in the UAE. **VERITAS' Sinkhe Hotel in Penang** emerged the winner among two other shortlisted projects - the Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek and the Zaya Nurai Island Resort in Abu Dhabi under the category of Leisure & Hospitality.



VERITAS Wins 2016 Cityscape Awards Emerging Markets

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AWARDS



VERITAS Principal, **Lillian Tay** was also featured in the September 17th - 23rd issue of Focus Malaysia.

ARCHITECTURE MALAYSIA PAM AWARDS 2016



ZOUK CLUB



KOTA KINABALU CONVENTION CITY



An essay on shortlisted projects of the PAM Awards 2016 was featured in the September issue of Architecture Malaysia Magazine. The article featured two VERITAS' projects; the interior design of the Kota Kinabalu Convention center and the Zouk Club in Kuala Lumpur.

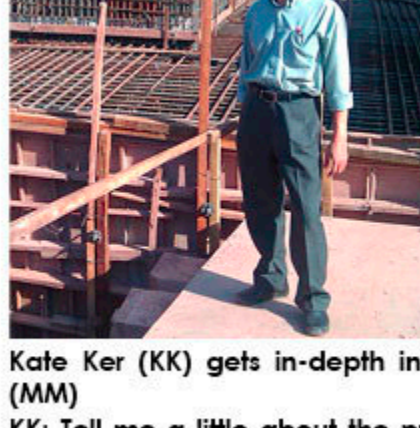
THE EDGE FINANCIAL DAILY



VERITAS Lecture Series 9 Speakers from all sectors including educationalists, contractors, developers and the government presented their views on educational institutions for the future. The event was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center on 22nd September 2016.

VERITAS Lecture Series 9 was featured in the September 26th issue of The Edge Financial Daily. Speaker from all sectors including architects, contractors, developers and the government presented their views on educational buildings, for educational institutions and their capacity to build communities at the VERITAS Lecture Series 9 held on Kuala Lumpur Convention Center on 22nd September 2016.

so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH? MUSLAN MOHAMMAD



Our staff of the month is Architect Muslan Mohammad. He first learned of VERITAS through a friend with whom he used to work. He was excited to hear about the exciting opportunities at VERITAS and the extensive scope of projects being handled by the firm. That prompted him to move from the relative comfort of a small firm to join VERITAS. Well, that was over 4 years ago, and here he is one of the VERITASians.

Kate Ker (KK) gets in-depth info about Muslan B Mohammad (MM)

KK: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now?

MM: Currently, my focus is on attending to defects rectification works for the De Centrum project and the Tropicana International School. Besides that, I'm also busy with the Tengker Cheras Perdana residential project, which suddenly sprung back to life after a brief hiatus.

KK: What is your favorite building and why?

MM: The Taj Mahal! It's a masterpiece landmark that carries a strong concept that blends architecture and art, built with a technology that is no longer available now.

KK: What are your expectations from VERITAS?

MM: To be given the opportunity to run a project from schematic design stage to the end of contract implementation is in itself as valuable as being given a full life to live. And along the way, I'm being coached by the best leaders in the industry. What else can an Architect expect?

KK: What are your interests / hobbies?

MM: I love watching movies when I have the time. I also like reading and photography.

KK: What do you think of the VERITAS corporate culture and how you fit into it?

MM: VERITAS corporate culture embodies the formula that is able to get you where you want to go in life, not only as an individual, but also as a team, a group, a company. It provides me with a clear perspective to how I can achieve it. As a member of the team, I focus my beliefs, core values and behaviors and actions in pursuit of the company's BHAG and mission. Of course, often times along the way I face unforeseeable challenges, sometimes from within my own team. But hey, pain is just a function of existence. Just pull aside for awhile, take a breather, learn from what happened, re-strategise and move on again as a better person. You just have to believe that you can do it, better than before.

KK: Describe VERITAS in your own few words?

MM: It's a place where you can celebrate with joy, a place to satisfy your passion, a place where pain and gain mingle, a place where cultures meet and melt, and a place where beautiful blooms.

BUNDLE OF JOY



Congratulations to VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Mohd Syarikin Bin Mohd Zailani and his wife Noor Hasyimah Bt Zainal on the arrival of their **gorgeous** baby girl Nur Syafaa Ayra Binti Mohd Syarikin born on 13th September 2016.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

CITYSCAPE AWARDS - VERITAS Design Group is the winner of the 2016 'Cityscape Awards for Emerging Markets' award under the category of Leisure & Hospitality (built) for the Sinkhe Hotel project in Georgetown, Penang.

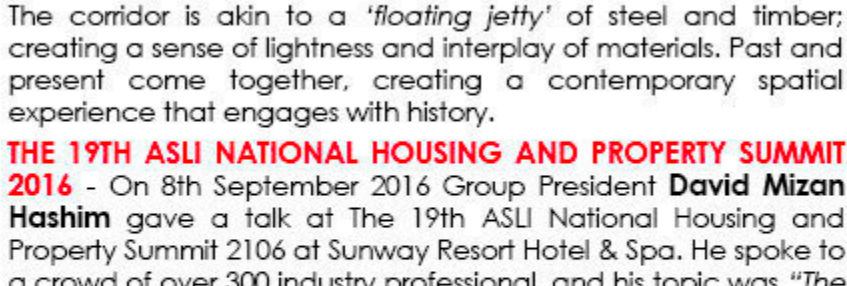
The award was presented to VERITAS Design Group Principal Lillian Tay at an award ceremony held on the 6th September 2016, Tuesday at the Conrad Hotel Dubai, UAE. We beat two other short-listed projects; the Hyatt Regency Dubai Creek Heights, Dubai and the Zaya Nurai Island Resort the Abu Dhabi. In May 2015 VERITAS also bagged the Gold Award under the category "Alteration & Addition" and the "Building of the year 2015" for the Sinkhe Hotel, awarded by the Malaysian Institute Architects (PAM).

THE AWARD WINNING PROJECT



The Sinkhe Hotel is a colonial shop-house transformed into a multi-functional arts space and hotel. A 3-storey party pavilion was inserted into the rear without touching both party-walls, creating a tapered narrow light-well bringing light and ventilation into the deep shop-house space. Every light-filled guestroom has a sun-drenched glass shower with views of the historical city. The time-worn party-wall becomes the 4th façade of the 16m² room. The corridor is akin to a "floating jetty" of material and timber; creating a sense of lightness and interplay of metals. Past and present come together, creating a contemporary spatial experience that engages with history.

THE 19TH ASLI NATIONAL HOUSING AND PROPERTY SUMMIT 2016 - On 8th September 2016 Group President **David Mizan Hashim** gave a talk at The 19th ASLI National Housing and Property Summit 2106 at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa. He spoke to a crowd of over 300 industry professional, and his topic was "The Housing Situation in Malaysia Today : The Good News and The Bad News".



VERITAS LECTURE SERIES 9 - 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 "School - House Educational Institutions - Building Communities" and was held on 22 September at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center. The topic explored the symbiotic relationship between property development and educational institution. The speakers were Ng Yiek Leng (VERITAS), Dato' Lim Si Boon (Tenby), Tony Lewer (Taylor's University), Martin George (Epsom College), Faez Jumabhoy (CIMB Investments), Christopher Boyd (Savills), Dr. Norma Hudson (International School of Kuala Lumpur), Dato' Felician Teo (Eaton International) and Datuk Haji Mahadi bin Che Ngah (Perbadanan Pembangunan Kg. Bahru). Each presenter provided a different perspective of the topic to an audience of over 100 educators, developers and consultants.

M101 SKYWHEEL

On 8th September 2016, Malaysia's Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Datku Mansor officiated the groundbreaking for the "M101 Skywheel", one of VERITAS' major iconic projects. This 80-storey project will be constructed on a 0.8ha freehold site, at the edge of Kampong Baru in Kuala Lumpur, with a gross development value (GDV) of RM1.5 billion. This project is expected to complete in 2019.

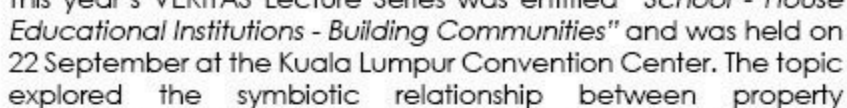
M101 eyes sales of RM700m from Kg Bharu project

REvolutionary: M101 SkyWheel to generate RM1.5b GDV

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So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Project Architect Zulhemia B Shahib and Design Architect Ferry Cahyadi for **VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur**; Admin Assistant/Receptionist Nur Syazleen Shukri Sherman for **VERITAS Architects Penang**; Architect Hanil Fikri bin Abd Ghani for **VERITAS Architects Johor Bahru**; Technical Assistant Nur Idayatul Haifa Bin Idaris and Muhammad Zul Fahmi Bin Abdul Rahman for **VERITAS Planning**.

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Meor Herme Bin Mansur, Ibrahim Zainal Rashid, Mohd Azmin Bin Yacob @ Ibrahim, Wan Mohd Nizam Wan Abdul Wahab, Muhammad Fazlee Bin Sabarudin, Ho Cia Shin, Chiang Chia Wee, Mohd Azrul Bin Adnan, Abu Hazreiq Bin Abu Hassan, Alif Arif Iskandar Bin Abd Wahab, Nadiyah Akmal Ismail Bt Harun, Komathi Ramakrishna, Muhammad Najib Bin Mohd Zailani, Faiz Zainal Arif, Johari B Zainal Abidin, Alias Bin Mad Nunos, Mohd Zaidi Bin Nordin, Lim E Yun, Mohd Fadzil bin Mollah Yusoff, Noor Hamed Nadeem bin Abdullah, Y Vijaya Kumar A/L Yoganathan, Zarina Binti Bachok Beduwi, Soza Nurlyana Binti Sabarudin, Hendry Rajkumar A/L S. Fredericks John, Shashikala A/P Thirunavukkarasu, Mohd Zamri Abd Lateh, Mohd Zuhelmie Zakaria and Aida Elyana Jamil.

PEOPLE will always Forget what you SAID, PEOPLE will Forget what you DID, but PEOPLE will NEVER Forget how you made them FEEL.