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Greetings, Selamat Hari Malaysia and hello everyone!

In this month's E-News, we are delighted to feature one of VERITAS' recently completed projects; the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL).

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.

International School of Kuala Lumpur, Jalan Ampang Hilir, Kuala Lumpur

The International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) was first established in 1965 with 48 students and in 1976 it was moved to a location in Ampang Jaya. Due to tremendous growth since then, it was decided in 2014 to relocate to a larger campus within Kuala Lumpur itself.



The new ISKL campus sits on a massive 25.7-acre site along Jalan Ampang Hilir. In a collaboration between VERITAS and HOK Architects of London, the school was designed to create an advanced/innovative learning environment, featuring world-class academic and athletic resources. It is approximately 900,000 sf in size.

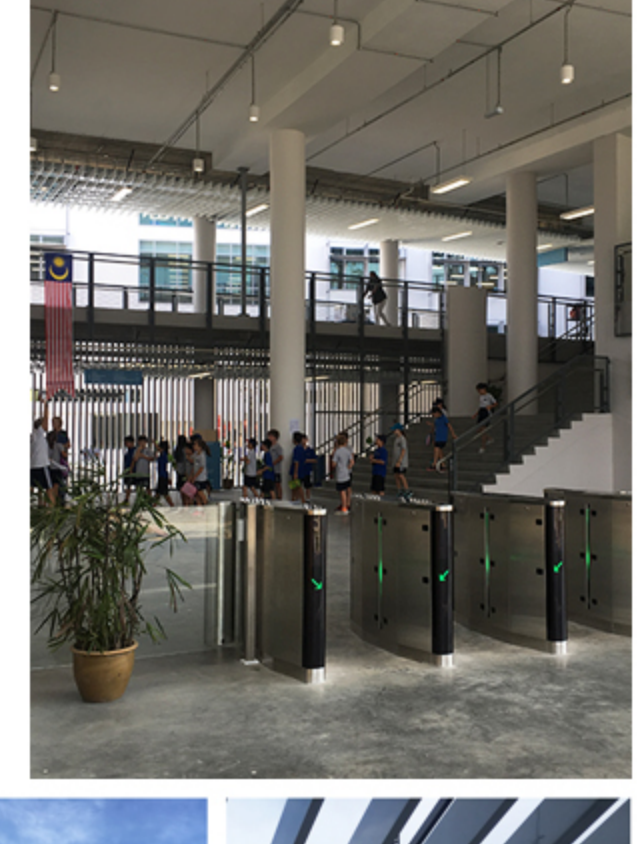


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In keeping with the environmental concept, ISKL will be the first Malaysian school to achieve Platinum certification by the Green Building Index (GBI). ISKL is a world-class campus which will provide educational spaces for 1,800 students with a capacity to expand up to 2,500 students as needed.



The project was completed in July 2018, and classes started in early August.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ VERITAS?

VERITAS Mini Olympics 2018

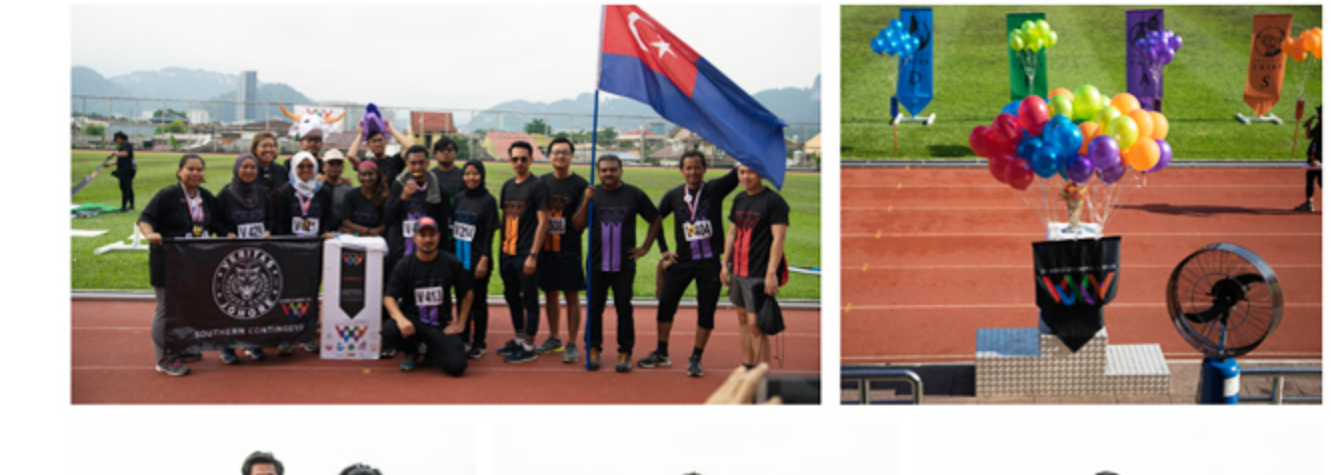
After a 4-year breather, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC), held its 2018 Mini Olympics in a grand manner at the SetiaWangsa Sports Complex near Kuala Lumpur on 22nd September 2018. The event started at 9am with a Grand March by VSSC committee members, sponsors and all VERITASians (divided into 5 tribes - I.D.E.A.S - according to their birthdates).



VERITAS Group President, David Hashim gave a short welcoming speech about team spirit and the event was officiated by the lighting of the ceremonial torch in front of the grandstand. All VERITASians participated enthusiastically in many races and challenges despite the extremely hot weather.

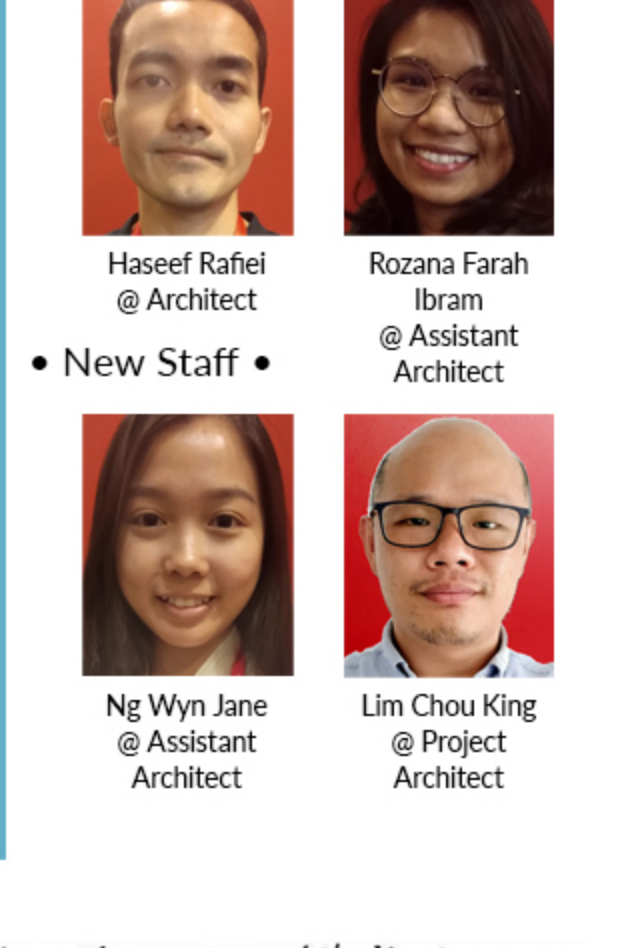


The event ended at 4 pm with the prize giving ceremony. Winning multiple gold medals, Tribe A (for Audacity) secured the overall championship for 2018. Thank you again to sponsors of the event: USG Boral, Jotun Paint and SG Glass, and kudos to the VSSC committee members for organizing such a successful event!



WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - September

- 1st Meor Herme, Mohamed Nadzeem Bin Abdullah
- 2nd Mohd Zamri
- 5th Raja Mazlan
- 6th Mohd Azmin, Marco Poma, Mohd Fadzil Bin Mohamad Yunos
- 9th Hendry Rajkumar
- 13th Wan Mohd Nizam
- 13th Siti Nabihah, Beulah
- 14th Liyana 'Aqilah, Mohd Zulhelim Zakaria, Y. Vijaya Kumar
- 18th Mohd Azrul
- 21st Abu Hazreq
- 21st Alif Arif
- 22nd Komathi
- 25th Johari
- 26th Wong Ka Yee
- 27th Mohd Ghazali
- 29th Saza Nuryana, Noor Zaidi
- 30th Faizol Izzan



Haseef Rafiei @ Architect

Rozana Farah Ibram @ Assistant Architect

• New Staff •

Ng Wyn Jane @ Assistant Architect

Lim Chou King @ Project Architect

WHERE ARE WE FEATURED

property

Affordable housing: The city is working against us



Thoughtful failure to use land efficiently and mitigate public transportation policy may create a costly city for the city.

We need to reorganize our cities and compact them to become more efficient and compact.

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Focus Malaysia Magazine

On 1st September 2018, Hsian Hassan of VERITAS published an article in the property section of the Focus Newspaper.

The article argued that the Malaysian affordable housing crisis is created by inefficient land-use patterns and misguided public transportation planning.

He explained that a long-term solution can only come from a reconfiguration of the whole Klang Valley metropolitan area into a much more compact and mixed-used city - and the creation of sub-centres for jobs, homes and leisure.



Sunday Vibes: Life and Times - Let There be Light

On 16th September 2018, the Kampungku Project organized by the VERITAS Fund for Excellence was featured in the New Sunday Times.

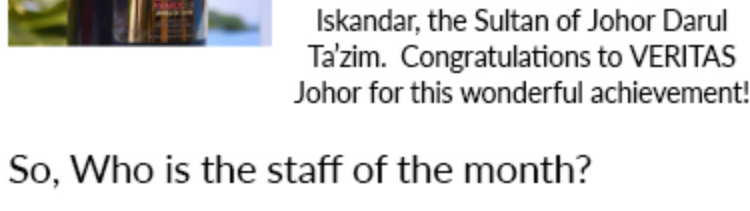
Between 17th to 19th August 2018, a group of 9 VERITASians joined an expedition to Taman Negara for this renewable energy initiative aimed at bringing artificial lighting to orang asli villages across rural Malaysia which are not linked to the power grid.



Star Property Award

On 18th September 2018, VERITAS Johor won the Jewels of Johor Star Property Award for its recently completed project Menara JLand under the category of BEST Commercial Development 2018.

The award ceremony was graced by Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan of Johor Darul Ta'zim. Congratulations to VERITAS Johor for this wonderful achievement!



So, Who is the staff of the month?

Our staff of the month for August 2018 is VERITASian Saza Nulyana or commonly known as just "Saza" among all her colleagues and friends.

Saza is an assistant architect and has been with VERITAS for almost 4 years. Saza (SN) shares her personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):



VG: What is the best memory you have of VERITAS?
SN: Well, there's a lot to remember! Two years ago, my team and I got the amazing chance to reach the peak of Mount Kinabalu with my other VERITASIAN colleague. For now, that is the best memory I have in VERITAS.

VG: How would you describe working in VERITAS in a Movie Title?
SN: When it comes to work, it's like Lord of the Rings, but when it comes to VSSC's (VERITAS Sports and Social Club) activities that involve the tribes, it's like Harry Potter (and my favourite house is Slytherin!).



VG: What's your passion or hobby?
SN: Well, I like to read and I enjoy bike riding and gardening too. Sometimes I prefer walking and wandering around to explore new places. I always believe in working hard and playing hard in order to have a balanced life.

VG: What inspired you to pursue a career in architecture?
SN: That's a tough question. I first chose architecture to skip exam-based subjects in university! Eventually I developed an interest in architecture and now I am thoroughly enjoying this wild and wide field. It's exhausting sometimes, but there are still lots of things to learn, especially technical stuff which my Sifu, Principal Ng Yiek Seng has taught me.



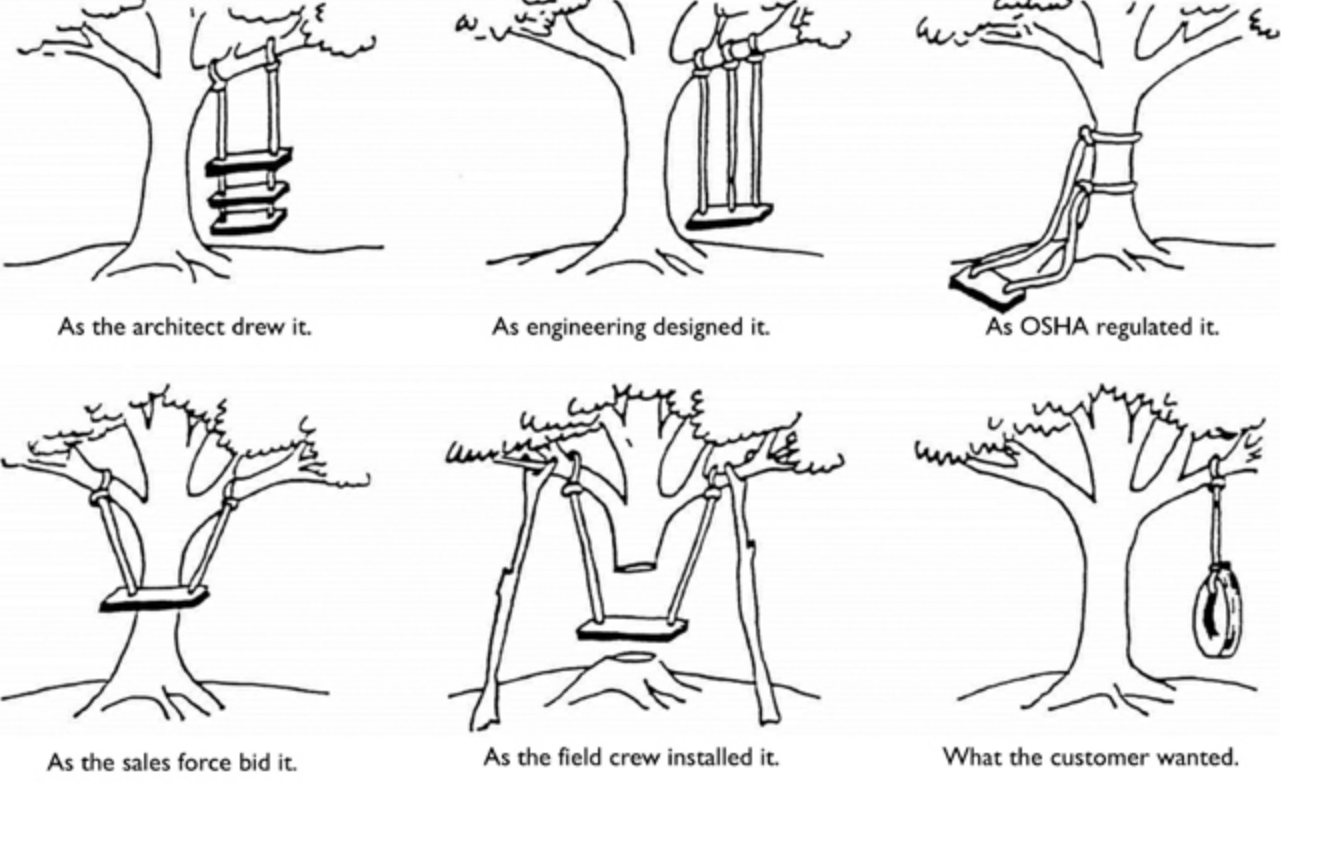
VG: How do you balance your family life and working life?
SN: I always have specific targets for the day and that is how I organize by schedule. I was sent to boarding school when I was 13 while my family was living in Japan. Thus, I learned to live quite independently. Now because I live alone, I always find time to communicate with my parents through skype. I also spend most of my weekends with my mom cooking and gardening. Quality mother-daughter time is essential for me.

VG: If you had chance to re-design any projects or buildings in Malaysia which one would that be and what are the major changes you would like to make?
SN: Every building has its own story and there must be reasons why it was designed in such a way, which is why I respect those who have created it. Architecture is not an easy field I would prefer the change is made more towards keeping the environment clean (more rubbish bins) and better facilities (public transportation) for the community.



The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.

-Ray Kroc



As the architect drew it.

As engineering designed it.

As OSHA regulated it.

As the sales force bid it.

As the field crew installed it.

What the customer wanted.