

GREETINGS, HAPPY EARTH HOUR and SALAM SATU VERITAS to all our readers!!

In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature one of our current mass transit-related projects: the KL-MRT. This project builds upon a tradition of rail projects, both heavy and light, to which VERITAS has contributed since the early-2000's starting with the double-track KTMB Rawang-Ipoh train stations.

We shall also feature other interesting happenings here at VERITAS such as the lion dance that was held in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Celebrations.

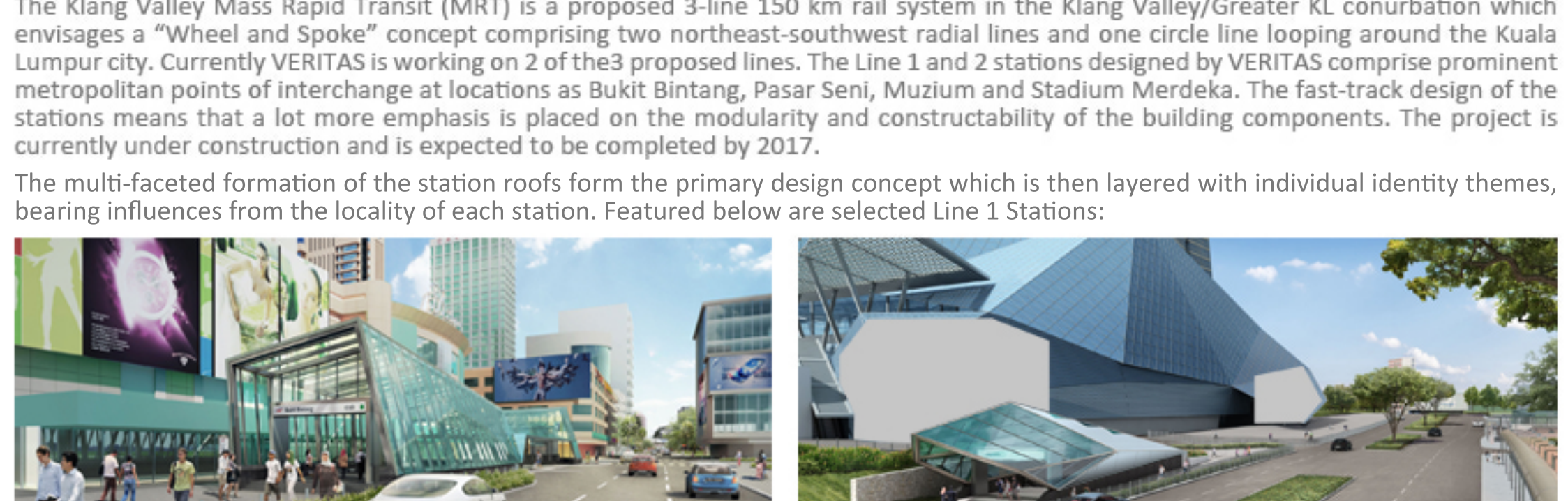
We hope you will enjoy this month's VERITAS e-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

KLANG VALLEY MASS RAPID TRANSIT

The Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Project (also known as "Klang Valley MRT Project", or just MRT) is a proposed 3-line mass rapid transit system for the Greater Kuala Lumpur conurbation in Malaysia.

The MRT Project will not only significantly increase the current inadequate rail network, but will also serve to integrate all existing transportation networks and alleviate the severe traffic congestion in the Greater KL metropolitan area.

MY RAPID TRANSIT UNDERGROUND & ELEVATED 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 the Kuala Lumpur city. Currently VERITAS is working on 2 of the 3 proposed lines. The Line 1 and 2 stations designed by VERITAS comprise prominent metropolitan points of interchange at locations as Bukit Bintang, Pasar Seni, Muzium and Stadium Merdeka. The fast-track design of the stations means that a lot more emphasis is placed on the modularity and constructability of the building components. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2017.

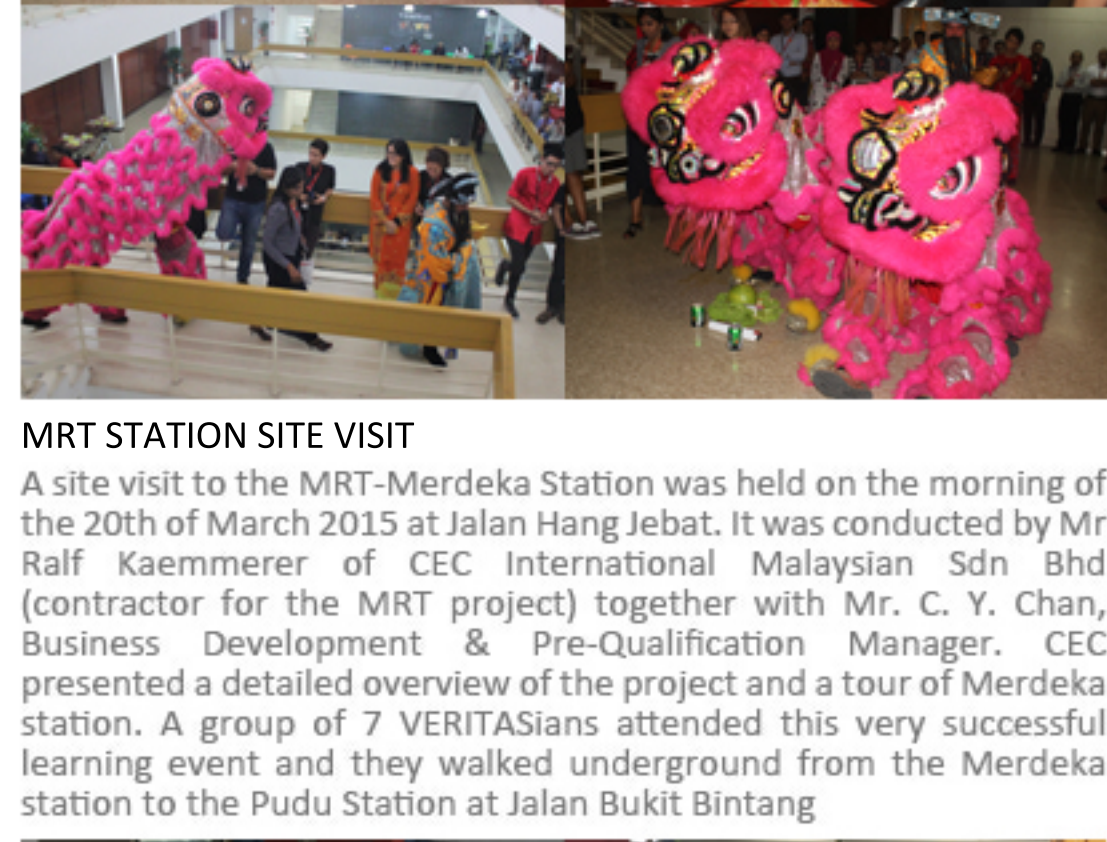
The multi-faceted formation of the station roofs form the primary design concept which is then layered with individual identity themes, bearing influences from the locality of each station. Featured below are selected Line 1 Stations:



Is there anything HAPPENING?

LION DANCE

VERITAS held a lion dance on 3rd of March 2015 to celebrate the year of the Goat!! VERITASians were entertained to a splendid performance and were later presented 'angpows' by our VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng.



MRT STATION SITE VISIT

A site visit to the MRT-Merdeka Station was held on the morning of the 20th of March 2015 at Jalan Hang Jebat. It was conducted by Mr Ralf Kaemmerer of CEC International Malaysian Sdn Bhd (contractor for the MRT project) together with Mr. C. Y. Chan, Business Development & Pre-Qualification Manager. CEC presented a detailed overview of the project and a tour of Merdeka station. A group of 7 VERITASians attended this very successful learning event and they walked underground from the Merdeka station to the Pudu Station at Jalan Bukit Bintang



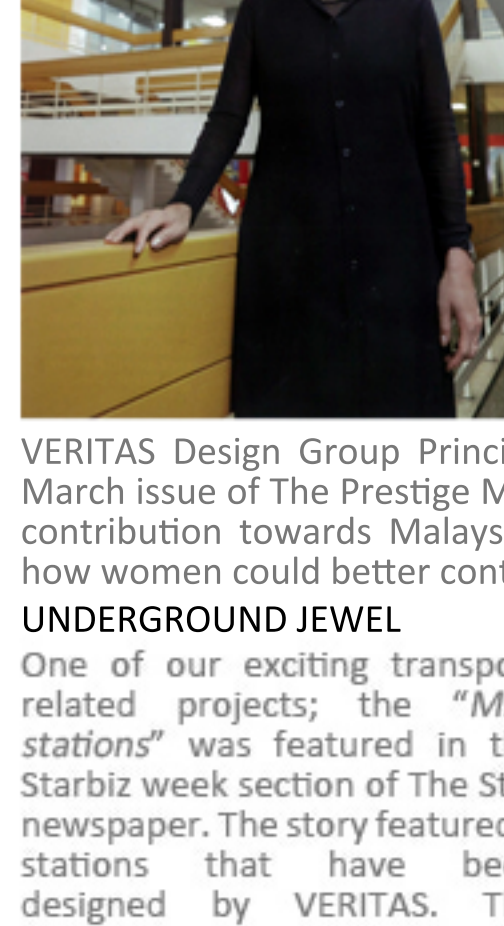
VERITAS IN THE NEWS

ZOUK KL



One of our exciting special projects the "Zouk Club KL" was featured in the Star Metro section of the Star newspaper. It will be the latest entertainment and lifestyle center of Kuala Lumpur. The new 60,000 sq ft lot in TREC (Taste, Relish, Experience and Celebrate), a multi-million Ringgit purpose-built entertainment hub will comprise 5 clubs, a VIP bar lounge, member's lounge, cafe and a rooftop deck overlooking the Royal Selangor Golf Club. Zouk KL will also offer a dedicated VIP concierge service. The Zouk project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

BUILDING THE FUTURE



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Lillian Tay, VERITAS Design Group Principal, is featured in the March issue of The Prestige Magazine. The article featured Lillian's contribution towards Malaysian society and her thoughts about how women could better contribute to the nation.

UNDERGROUND JEWEL

One of our exciting transport related projects; the "MRT stations" was featured in the Starbiz week section of The Star newspaper. The story featured 4 stations that have been designed by VERITAS. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2017.

W HOTEL



One of our exhilarating projects the "W Hotel" was featured in the Metrobiz section of the Star newspaper. Making a commentary about the street wall of Jalan Ampang, the 60-storey tower is recessed from Jalan Ampang's road frontage, to create a plaza and a more generous drop-off area in front of the building. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2018.

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?

Welcome on board new VERITASians:



Driver Arumugam Ellapan, Interns Muhamad Nur Amirul B Khamarudin, Aimi Natasya Bt Zahani, Darrell Asyraf Bin Ahmad, Einun Shams Shamsudin Fataniv and Julian Wong Lok Ho for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur.

Architect Lim Beng Hee for VERITAS Architects, Penang.

Intern Muhamad Danial Iqbal B Md Amin, Razan Sami Abdullah and Sara Abukoura for VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd.

Landscape Architects Jacquiline Teh Jae Chenn and Syireen Asyina Mohd Ismail for VERITAS Landscape.

so WHO got HITCHED!!



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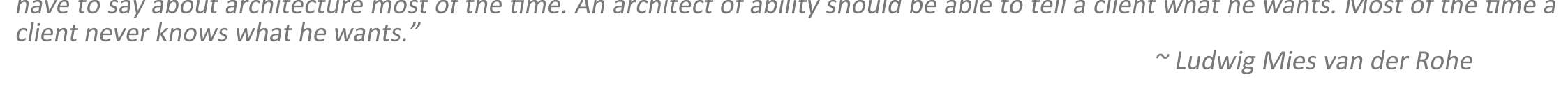
We would like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Architect, Ainaazura Zuber and her husband, Ahmad Shahredzuan Mohd Shariff on their recent marriage. The 'Berсандang' ceremony was held on the 28th February 2015 at the Terrapuri Village Resort in Terengganu.



YAZID OMAR
We would also like to congratulate our VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur Architect, Yazid Omar and his wife, Nik Nur Diana Nik Ismail on their recent marriage. The wedding reception was held on the 14th March 2015 at the Bora Ombak Restaurant in Ampang and was attended by 15 VERITASians including Principals Azif Md. Nassaruddin and Zainal Ab. F. Aziz.

SKETCHES & SCRIBBLES

ARCHITEX'S



QUOTE
"Never talk to a client about architecture. Talk to him about his children. That is simply good politics. He will not understand what you have to say about architecture most of the time. An architect of ability should be able to tell a client what he wants. Most of the time a client never knows what he wants."

~ Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

VERITAS HAPPENINGS

W HOTEL & RESIDENCES LAUNCH

Majestic fireworks coloured the sky of Kuala Lumpur City Center with spectacular colours during the launch of W Hotel & Residence on 21st March 2015.



W Hotel & Residences is situated on a 1.28 acres of freehold commercial land along Jalan Ampang, and it is set to create a designed lifestyle in the vibrant city of Kuala Lumpur. This 60-storey tower is recessed from Jalan Ampang's road frontage, to create a plaza and a more generous drop-off area in front of the building. The project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by 2018.

VERITAS STAFF MAKES IT TO MOUNT KINABALU PEAK

Mt Kinabalu (4,095m / 13,435ft) is one of the tallest mountains in South-East Asia and is situated in the Kinabalu National Park in the state of Sabah in Malaysian Borneo. Thousands of tourists visit Kinabalu National Park each year and most come with the intention of climbing Mt Kinabalu.



A group of 7 VERITASians (Mohamad Kamarul Mohamad Basir, Dawindar Singh-Raj, Roselinda Razak, Nurul Atiqah A. Fauzi, Yong Chew Wah, Syahril Nizam Kamruddin and Noor Azlina Mohd Ismail) and their family members attempted to climb Mount Kinabalu on the 21st March 2015, Saturday. Seven of them made it to the summit.

"It was truly an amazing experience and I'm so glad we made it together as a team", shares Dawindar Singh.

"The whole entire trail was just beautiful. It was breathtaking, a memorable adventure and unforgettable experience. I would highly recommend other VERITASians to take up this challenge". Azlina Ismail added

Strength, determination and a little bit of fun pushed the climbers to reach the summit. Congratulations to the climbers and perhaps Mount Kinabalu will be the next destination for our Staff Retreat!

ANNOUNCEMENT - VERITAS' New Associate

In January 2015, VERITAS promoted one of our architects to the rank of Design Associate; **NURHIDAYAH YEZID -Associate for VERITAS Architects Penang**

Ida joined VERITAS in July 2007 as a Graduate Architect and received her Bachelor of Architecture from University Science Malaysia in 2007. She is now leading major local and international projects where she is doing an awesome job. Congratulations Ida!!

so WHO's the STAFF OF THE MONTH?

Our staff of the month for March is Alvin Chiang Chia Vee, commonly known as just "Alvin" among his colleagues and friends. He has been an important VERITASian from since 2000 till 2006 and he joined us back in 2010 as a Project Manager for the MRT projects.

KR: How did you get to know about VERITAS and how did you join us?

It was sheer luck! I was flipping through a newspaper advertisement one day and the next thing I know; here I am!!

KR: What made you decide to take up an architecture course?

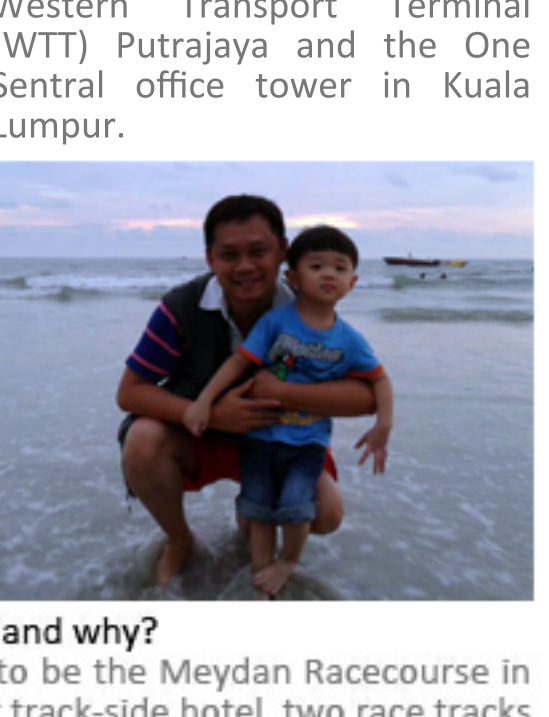
When I was young I used to live in an apartment building, and across the street there was a massive development coming up. I was so curious and amazed with the construction process and how the building arose. This inspired me to enroll in a school of architecture.

KR: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now. Currently, I'm handling the MRT Line 1 - Elevated Stations, which consists of 8 stations, 2 Multi Storey Car parks and a Depot Workshop. It is all currently under construction.



KR: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?

My two proudest moments would be working on 2 award-winning projects; the Western Transport Terminal (WTT) Putrajaya and the One Sentral office tower in Kuala Lumpur.



KR: What is your favorite building and why?

My favorite building would have to be the Meydan Racecourse in Dubai which consists of a five-star track-side hotel, two race tracks and the Grandstand. I was personally involved in this project during the design stage and site supervision till the grand opening ceremony.



KR: What are your hobbies?

I enjoy watching movies, travelling and I do play football when I find time.

KR: What are your future plans with VERITAS?

Work smart & play hard.

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?

Marching on to change history, united and successful!!!!

BUNDLE OF JOY

It has certainly been a "productive" month for VERITAS:



Congratulations to Mohd Syarikin and his wife Noor Hasyimah Zainal on the arrival of their gorgeous baby boy, Muhammad Syafi AisyMohd Syarikin born on 28 February 2015.

Congratulations also to Meor Herme Mansor and his wife Siti Mariam Sapian on the arrival of their adorable baby boy Meor Faliq Meor Herme born on 8 March 2015.

And finally, congratulations to VERITASians Zaniman Sulong and his wife Zulaikha Zolkiflee on the arrival of their adorable baby girl, Qaireen Zaneeqa Zaniman born on 11 March 2015. Best wishes to the proud parents!!

Best wishes to all the proud parents!!

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Zakiah Subadar, Nik Ahmad Nozlan Nik Mohd Yusof, Wan Nurul Huda Wan Alkamar Shah, Abirami Anandarajah, Nasyithah Ahmad Zaini, Juan Jesus Munoz Aguayo, Syed Azmi Syed Mustafa, Chong Yeh She, Issey, Poo Sah Young, Low Huei Yng (Sidney), Mohamad Zahamizl Othman, Nurmarsya Irdina Zaffri, Mohamad Hasbullah Yunus @ Hasaan and Ahmad Lutfi Zainal Arif