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GREETINGS, SALAM SATU VERITAS and GONG XI FA CHAI to all our readers!!

As business and leisure travel become more intertwined, today's hotels and resorts must accommodate the overlapping desires and the complex needs of the modern traveler. VERITAS' hospitality and leisure work reflect the identity and nature of the particular local surroundings of each site. Our designs emphasize the "guest experience" and its relation to the destination or city. Within VERITAS is a team of designers who specialize in hotel-related work. Based on years of experience working with hospitality owners and operators, VERITAS understands how to design hotels and resorts that deliver excitement, efficiency and bottom-line success. Featured below are some of the hotel and leisure developments VERITAS has recently embarked upon.

We are also pleased to provide an update on the recent Cityscape Kuala Lumpur Exhibition and other interesting "happenings" within the group.

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.

W HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

Making a commentary about the streetwall 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 W Hotel development is expected to be completed in 2017.



THE ANGSANA, TELUK BAHANG, PENANG



The site is located at the far end of the Batu Feringghi stretch of luxury beach hotels in Penang Island. It is relatively secluded from the Georgetown and Tanjung Bungah conurbation; approximately 1 hour's drive from the centre of town.

VIVID HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

The new VIVID HOTEL for Vanguard Hotels Pte Ltd, is the development of two adjoining bungalow sites which face Jalan Bangsar in KL Sentral adjacent to the global headquarters of Bank Rakyat.



The VIVID HOTEL KL Sentral, will serve as the brand's flagship property and will provide 180-rooms within a 21- storey tower in a location known for five-star hotel properties. Construction planning is under way and the hotel is expected to open in end-2016.

DORSETT PUTRAJAYA, PUTRAJAYA



The new Dorsett Putrajaya is owned by the Mayland Group of Malaysia and has 218 rooms. The deep plan that results from this square aspect ratio is managed by organizing the layout of the hotel with a double loaded corridor centred around a courtyard with ample natural light brought into the interior of the retail podium via a glass skylight. Putrajaya is a planned city and serves as the federal administrative centre of Malaysia.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT



The VERITAS Sport Club of Penang held a bowling tournament at the Prangin Mall Classic Bowl on the 7th February 2015. The tournament involved the staff of VERITAS Penang and their family members. Snacks and other refreshments were served to keep the competitors and their die-hard fans happy. Congratulations to all winners! Until next time, fight on!

so WHO'S the STAFF OF THE MONTH?



Our staff of the month for February is Megat Arzuan Abas, commonly known as just "Ngout" among his colleagues and friends. He has been an important member of the VERITAS dream team since May 2014 as a Project Architect.

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

AA: It was one of our ex-staff Nozaima who called me to join VERITAS to assist him on the Perdana University and International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) projects at that time.

KR: What made you decide to take up a degree in architecture?

AA: I always wanted to be a Medical Doctor but my parents recognized my passion towards art and design. That's why I'm an architect today!!

KR: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now.

AA: I'm currently handling the Sentrio Pandan Apartments and the ISKL projects now. Sentrio Pandan is in construction stage now while ISKL is at the tender stage.

KR: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?

AA: It was while assisting Azalina and Zawika on the Dorsett Putrajaya project in Putrajaya. It's a personal achievement for me to be part of the team redesigning and managing this project till its completion, which was 2 months ago.



KR: What is your favorite building and why?

AA: I don't have any favorite building. For me, buildings are like human beings. Each has its own history, its characteristics and features.

KR: We all know about your interest in biking, particularly your passion for Harley Davidsons. Please share with us how/when you got into this?

AA: My first sports bike was a NSRR150. But I met with an accident and was forced to own a 'slower' pace bike; a British classic NORTON Model 50, 350cc (1959). It was my project bike and it took me 6 years to restore to its original condition.

Finally, in 2010 I managed to buy my first Harley Davidson Sportster XL 883cc, and since then it has been a serious biking experience for me. The farthest journey I have travelled is from Kuala Lumpur to Pattaya, Thailand in 2011 and 2013 and the journey took about 3,570km in 3 days.

Sometimes the hardest part of the journey is simply believing you're worthy of the trip. Only bikers know and understand what I mean.



KR: We are honored to have you as the President of the VERITAS Social Sports Club (VSSC) and would like to congratulate you and your team for the awesome programs arranged for the 2014/2015 term!!

AA: Thank you very much! It's always about the team. I am a happy-go lucky and a simple 'sempoi' minded person but I am so proud to work among these extraordinary people that made the Akustika Raya, the Mini Olympics and the Fight Night something that VERITASians will always remember. For the future President; always listen to the team and decide as a team, and you will never get it wrong! And above all, have fun!!

KR: What are your future plan with VERITAS?

AA: Work Hard and ride hard!

KR: Describe VERITAS in your own words?

AA: VERITAS is like an open road, you'll never know what to expect around the next bend!

NOVOTEL AMPANG, KUALA LUMPUR

The Novotel Ampang is a budget 3-star hotel at the edge of the heritage zone along Jalan Ampang. The design incorporates sky terraces, roof-top gardens and pool and is designed to achieve high energy efficiency for GBI GOLD rating.



It has an efficient layout and naturally ventilated corridors and lift lobby. The project is in the design stage and is expected to be completed by early 2017.

Is there anything HAPPENING? CITYSCAPE KUALA LUMPUR

Cityscape Malaysia was the largest real estate investment and development exhibition ever held in Malaysia. The newest event from the world-renowned Cityscape portfolio of events, Cityscape Malaysia is the meeting place for real estate developers, private and institutional investors, architects, consultants and other real estate providers to network and do business.

VERITAS was proud to participate in this exciting event which took place from the 4th to 6th February 2015 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center. This is part of our strategic plan to expand our professional services locally and globally.

VERITAS BOOTH DESIGN



The design concept of this booth showcases the fundamental work of the architect which is to create compelling experiences of light, form and space and to innovate in creative ways. The intention was to redefine a box space with the inclusion of elements of surprise within the booth.

The design allows light to fill the space in between and to be experienced as a physical tactile element. The surface which normally defines space is de-materialised. The assemblage of clear acrylic rods channel light through from the ceiling and the light points forms the space, creating a three dimensional visual experience for the visitor.

"Architecture is the magnificent play of forms, assembled in light."
Le Corbusier

Space encompasses our being. Its visual form, its dimension and scale, the experience of light and space is reinvented, architecture turns into reality.

so WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Welcome on board new VERITASians:

Project Architects Azlan Mohd Yusof and Choong Wei Li for VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur

Intern Muhammad Iqbal for VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

Roselinda Binti Razak, Choo Mun Ling, Muhammad Siddiq Bin Othman, Mohd Izzat Bin Saidi Rahimi, Misamudin Muda Bin Mohamed Ibrahim, Muhamad Azraei Bin Ramli, Ahmad Safwan Bin Abdul Rahim, Nafisa Binti Sulaiman, Mohd Neezam, Nor Hasshim Bin Mohamed Noor, Ahmad Fariz Bin Mohd Ariffin, Mohd Rafiuddin B Jasman, Leong Bee Shim, Zahari Zakaria, Nurhafesa Nordin, Mohd Fahami Yahya, Goon Lian Loong, Tang Chee Khoay, Kathlene Rachel Kanniah, Ishak bin Ibrahim and David Yek Tak Wai

SKETCHES & SCRIBBLES



Did you know that construction of Burj Khalifa, current world's tallest building, took more than 110,000 tons of concrete 55,000 tons of steel rebar and incredible 22 million man hours?

QUOTE
"Imagination is more important than knowledge, knowledge is limited, imagination encircles the world."
~Albert Einstein~