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### GREETINGS and SALAM SATU VERITAS to all our readers!!

In this month's e-news we are delighted to present one of our recently completed projects; a mixed-use development called The Nexis. We shall also feature other interesting happenings here at VERITAS such as our winning of the Building of the Year Award at the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) annual dinner.

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.

#### Sunway Nexis

The Nexis is located within the established township of Kota Damansara, at the border of Kuala Lumpur. Comprising of 3-storey retail shops, a 13-storey business suite block and a 20-storey flexi-office block (SOHO), the Nexis is a complete lifestyle centre that encompasses leisure, entertainment, recreation and work facilities.



The main "green feature" of this development is the 'Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability' (LOHAS) Deck on the second floor. This component aims to activate and animate spaces throughout the whole development including those commonly thought to be 'left over' spaces. The tower blocks act like solid shoulders supporting the tranquil green forms of the LOHAS Deck, while the lawn at the north radiating with lush greenery symbolizes optimism for the Nexis' future. The Deck also serves as a central vertebra that carries the park's functional requirements. A series of wide boulevards and pedestrian walkways are carefully crafted throughout the development. Either sheltered by floors above, skylights or opened to the sky, an interaction between human and the outdoors is created. The Nexis offers the Kota Damansara neighbourhood its first SOHO and high rise office development. With the SOHO tower successfully certified by Green Mark, the Nexis is poised to become a pioneer in environmentally sustainable practices, and will become a popular place to live, attracting community segments from diverse cultures.



#### Where are we FEATURED?

##### STARMETRO (Friday 15 May 2015) – Design Group Staff Help Restore Nature Park.

Saturday 2 May 2015. Volunteers, comprising staff of the group and their family members, planted juvenile native mangrove trees along the coast line of Kuala Selangor. VERITAS Design Group is dedicated to protecting the environment and is working closely with the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) to plant trees and restore forests throughout the Klang Valley. This effort is part of the company's sustainability agenda to combat climate change and create awareness on the importance of the natural environment. VERITAS is also working on another green-themed project, 'Adopt a Park' to be launched in Kuala Lumpur in June 2015.

##### Design group staff help restore nature park



VERITAS Design Group is helping to restore the mangrove forest at Kuala Selangor Nature Park. Volunteers, comprising staff of the group and their family members, planted native mangrove trees along the coast. About 200 Rhizophora, Xylocarpus and other mangrove species were planted. VERITAS Design Group is dedicated to protecting the environment and is working closely with the Malaysian Nature Society to plant trees and restore forests. This effort is part of the company's green programme to combat climate change and create awareness on the importance of green spaces. VERITAS is also working on a new project, 'Adopt a Park in Kuala Lumpur' to provide a social gathering and recreation facility in the bustling city centre. Kuala Selangor Nature Park is made up of marine areas and islands and serves as an important sanctuary for mangroves. Mangroves are especially important in the west coast of Malaysia as they reduce damage from storms, prevent shoreline erosion, and act as natural water filters. It is an invaluable marine ecosystem and acts as the "green lung" for the surrounding area.

#### VERITAS Happenings

##### Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) Annual Dinner and Awards 2015

It is with great pleasure that we announce that VERITAS has won both the Gold Award under the category Addition & Alteration as well as the Best Building Award for the year 2015 for our project The Sinkeh Hotel in Georgetown, Penang at the PAM Annual Dinner 2015 which was held at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur on the 23rd May 2015, Saturday. The Sinkeh Hotel is a colonial shop-house transformed into a multi-functional arts space and hotel. Into the rear of the historic building, a 3-storey steel pavilion was inserted without touching both party-walls, creating a tapered narrow light well that brings light and ventilation into the deep shop-house space. JURY'S CITATION "An exceptionally bold intervention which is very sympathetic and sensitive to the cultural and urban context of its surroundings. It is a brilliant juxtaposition between the old and the new highlighted by the meticulous and extensive steps taken to ensure the two differing aspects of modernity and tradition are combined harmoniously together. This dichotomy between old and new is further accentuated by the apt application of perceptive and well thought out details which culminates in a remarkable amount of spatial coherency and ambience." This is the first time the "Building of the year" award has ever been conferred since its introduction in the previous award cycle. Truly it is a testament that design excellence prevails above all else. On the same night VERITAS President and CEO David Hashim and Principal Lillian Tay were conferred the Fellow Membership award. Congratulations to both of them and to the team that worked on The Sinkeh Hotel project!!



##### ARCHITECTURE MAGAZINE (April 2015) – Klang Valley MRT

The Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Line 1 is a 50km Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system in the Klang Valley/Greater Kuala Lumpur (KL) conurbation currently under construction, which envisages a 'Wheel and Spoke' concept comprising two northeast-southeast radial lines and one circle line looping around Kuala Lumpur city. The elevated station (Suntex – Kajang) and underground station (Pasar Seni, Museum, Bukit Bintang, Merdeka station) were designed by VERITAS.



##### MALAYSIA TATLER MAGAZINE/MILLIONAIREASIA MAGAZINE/BUILDING & INVESTMENT (May 2015)

The W Hotel & Residence had an exclusive global launch on 21 March 2015. This 55-storey integrated development is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Set against a dramatic skyline it boasts immediate accessibility to commercial, shopping and entertainment amenities. The sales gallery for this exciting development is located on Jalan Bukit Bintang and was transformed on that evening to reflect the urban and contemporary vibe that The Residence personalities, such as the use of hot pink lighting and mirrored surfaces. VERITAS Principals David Mizan Hashim and Lillian Tay were also present to explain the design concept to Clients and visitors. For more info on the W Hotel & Residence.



##### BUILDING & INVESTMENT MAGAZINE (January/February 2015) - VERITAS Architects design MRT Stations.

Running a distance of 51 km, the MRT Sungai Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line is the first phase of a proposed three line Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) system in Kuala Lumpur, a project launched in July 2011. Served by 31 stations, 24 elevated and 7 underground, MRT SBK will have the capability of ferrying 20,000 passengers per hour per direction or 400,000 passengers per month. It will be integrated with the Light Rapid Transit (LRT) System, Monorail, Kereta Tanah Melayu (KTM) Komuter and intra/interactivity buses. B&I recently met up with Ng Yiek Seng, Principal of VERITAS Architects that, collectively with others, has been commissioned to design the MRT SBK Line's elevated and underground stations.

So WHO are the NEWCOMERS at VERITAS?



Interior Designer Bianca June Purkis for VERITAS Interiors  
Assistant Architect Fasykim bt. Khalil for VERITAS Architects KL  
Assistant Architect Ho Cia Shin for VERITAS Architects KL  
Design Architect Asier Ochoa for VERITAS Architects Penang

#### WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY this Month?

MAHFRUL BIN SHAHRIMAN, WONG YUET LIAF, NORZILA HAYATI BINTI MOHD YATIM, FATIHAH FATHIN BINTI SHAFIE, ROSTAM BIN AHMAD, VALENTIN JUNCO HERNANDEZ, NOR AMIRAH SYAMIMI BT DATO' NORHAIDI, DIYANAH KHAIZATUL BT MOHD KHARUDIN, NOOR AZLINA BINTI MOHD ISMAIL, ZAIMI BIN KAMDAN, MUHAMMAD ZULHILMI BIN MD ALI, SYED BADRUL HISHAM, ARUMUGAM A/L T ELLAPAN, ISNAWATI BINTI IDRIS, AZRIL AMIR BIN JAAFAR, MOHD SAIFUDDIN B MAT SAID, DAVID MIZAN HASHIM, MOHD ALLIF BIN ABDULLAH, MOHD YAHYA BIN SARU, ERIC THAM, MUHAMMAD FIRDAUS BIN HASAN, THIRUKARASU A/L SIVALINGAM, REGINA THANGAM, CHIONG HOE SIENG, MOHD FAZLI BIN ABD GHAPAR.

#### QUOTE

If I was to realize new buildings I should have to have new technique. I should have to design buildings that they would not only be appropriate to materials but design them so the machine that would have to make them could make them surpassingly well.

Frank Lloyd Wright



##### UNIVERSITY of READING MALAYSIA (URM)

A team of 14 VERITASians from the Kuala Lumpur office attended a site visit to University of Reading, Johor on 23 May 2015. It is a building designed by VERITAS in collaboration with Scott Brownrigg Architects of London. The main highlight of this project is its light-weight translucent ETFE (Ethyl Tetra Fluoro Ethylene) roof spanning over the whole campus. This spectacular element with its irregular and dynamic geometry is the second use of ETFE technology in Malaysia, after the 1 Mont Kiara mall, also designed by VERITAS.



##### The 6th Annual GreenTech Asia Conference

GreenTech Asia (GTA) 2015, held at the Istana Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, brings together government authorities and private professionals wanting to share ground-breaking ideas to achieve sustainability as well as solution-providers who want to hear their customer's needs, all into an open and inspiring platform. DAVID Mizan Hashim, President of VERITAS Design Group gave a speech entitled SKYSCAPES: Creating Urban Spaces In The City's Skyline" on 27 May 2015.



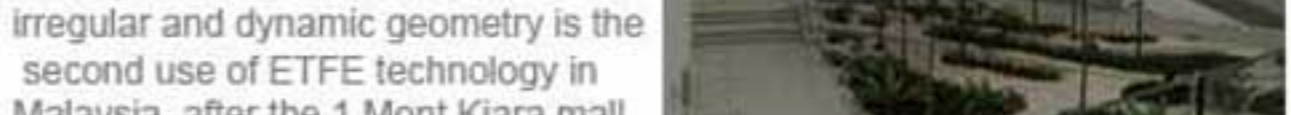
##### So WHO is the STAFF OF THE MONTH?

Our staff of the month for May 2015 is Azizi B. Mohamad, or commonly known as just "Zizi" among his colleagues and friends. He has been a VERITASian since June 2012 and was recommended to join us by one of our ex staff Nur Azlin bt. Abdul Manaf. **CJ: How did you first get to know VERITAS and why did you join us?** I got to know VERITAS through their major projects around Kuala Lumpur, and I wanted to be part of a team that does such great work. **CJ: What made you take up diploma in architecture?** I originally applied to study architectural computer graphics, but fate intervened, and somehow I ended-up studying architecture itself. **CJ: Tell me a little about the projects you are working on right now.** Currently I'm working on a few exciting health-care projects such as the Tropicana Medical Center, Sg. Hijau Hospital and the Jalan Pudu Hospital expansion.



##### CJ: What was your proudest moment working with VERITAS?

My proudest moment was to contribute 3 gold medals for my Tribe D at the VERITAS Olympics last year (high jump, discus and javelin), but I'm sad that I did not receive best sports man award as they did not have this award then. If they had I would have won it too!! **CJ: What's your favourite thing about VERITAS and Why?** It would have to be the VERITAS Badge. YEAH!!! It represents the VERITAS spirit and I am so proud to be part of this team. **CJ: Do you have a message to all VERITASians?** Don't work too hard, stay as happy as you can and leave the rest to faith. **CJ: Describe VERITAS in your own words?** VERITAS is a fun place to work, as long as you don't expect a 9 to 6 job



#### ARCHITEXTS

LOOK AT THIS, THE ENTIRE ARCHITECTURE SECTION IS JUST BOOKS ON FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT...

I KNOW!!! THERE'S MORE TO ARCHITECTURE THAN FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT. IF SOMEONE OUTSIDE THE PROFESSION BROUSES THE ARCHITECTURE SECTION HERE THEY ARE GOING TO GET THE WRONG IDEA OF WHAT THE PROFESSION IS REALLY LIKE.

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT... BUT COME ON... THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE.

LOOK, I FOUND A BOOK ON FRANK GEHRY.

THAT'S IT! NOW I KNOW WE ARE DOOMED!

