Hello everyone!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature VERITAS' CARE scheme program. This is an innovative internal sustainability initiative which was launched in 2007 and has been dutifully practiced by VERITASians ever since.

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This E-news will also cover many other interesting happenings in VERITAS. 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 CARE SCHEME

CARE stands for COST AWARENESS by RESPONSIBILITY toward the ENVIRONMENT

We are pleased to announce that commencing in 2021, the leadership of the CARE scheme has been placed under the able responsibility of Architect Adam Faez.

How CARE is practiced in VERITAS?

We recycle paper, plastic and aluminum cans and the arising monies are transferred to the CARE fund.

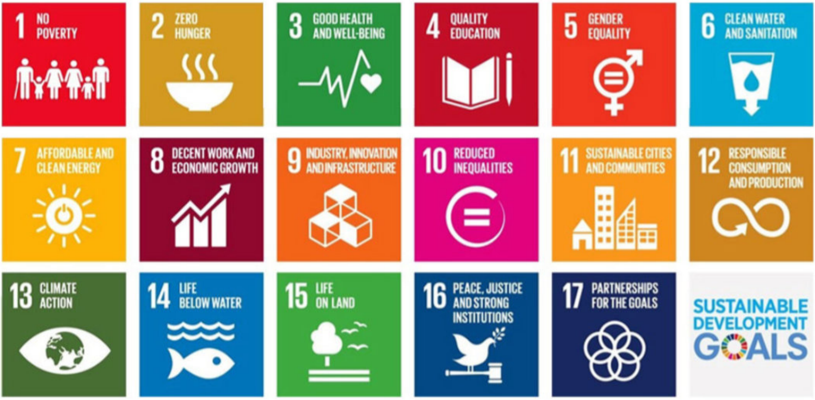
We benchmark electricity consumption by average usage per month per employee. Then, for a particular month, if the usage is less than this average cost, the company reimburses the savings to the CARE Fund.

We encourage our staff who drive to work (those who are given company petrol cards) to have smaller engine cars. Penalties are imposed on the owners of large engine capacity vehicles and these monies are deposited into the CARE fund.

We encourage green commuting by advising on ride-sharing among staff who live in the same neighborhoods and monies saved from payments for car parking are re-imbursed to the CARE fund.

The monies accumulated in the CARE Fund from these different sources are then paid-out quarterly in cash to those VERITASians who commonly use public transport to commute to/from work.

Sustainable Development Goals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2 ZERO HUNGER
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
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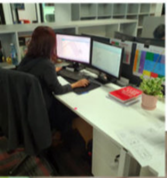

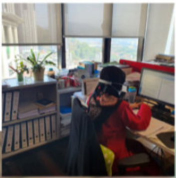

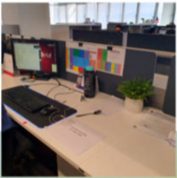

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Future Plans for CARE

VERITAS CARE has curated an objective to create awareness among VERITASians to adopt a more environmentally sustainable

- Target to reduce 10%-15% of total energy consumption in the year 2021 by experimenting with electricity usage and duration.
- IT systems to be set in power saving mode/sleep mode for all workstation when not use or during breaks.
- Add motion detector light sensors to corridors.
- Urban Farming program on rooftop to encourage green building and green city initiations.

workplace. The new office in Wangsa 118 will be the first to experiment with many of these plans which will ensure maximum effectiveness of CARE scheme implementation.

- Implement and continue the adopt-a-plant initiative.
- Introduce bamboo plants as interior and exterior decoration.
- Incorporate more teleconferencing/ go-to meetings to reduce travel costs and carbon emissions.
- Introduce green challenges for employees such as to go a month with no plastic eating utensils, and reward those who stick with it by offering smal prizes, such as coffee gift cards or snacks.

VERITAS is also working with the UN Global Compact toward achieving the sustainable development goals (SDG). The 17 SDG goals are primarily focused on ending poverty, improving health and education, reducing inequality, and spur economic growth - all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

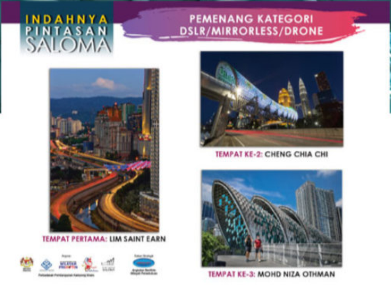
UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE

We are committed to the UN Global Compact as it would be the leading catalyst of that transformation. VERITAS has been practicing the CARE Scheme for many years promoting a green office environment through various methods. The holistic approach of a green office prioritizes sustainability of the environment, which also translates to increased productivity and having happier, healthier and more efficient employees.

Pertandingan Keindahan Pencahayaan Kampong Bharu.

Where We Are Featured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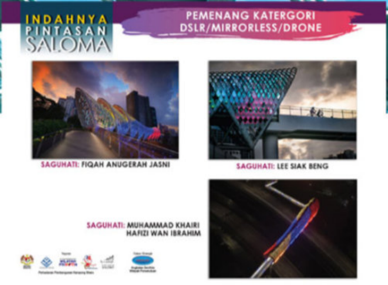
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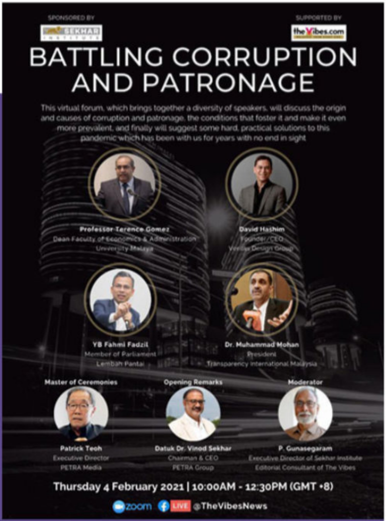
SAGUHATI: LEE SIAK BENG
SAGUHATI: MUHAMMAD KHAIRI HAFIZI WAN IBRAHIM

In conjunction with Federal Territory day on February 1st 2021, the Perbadanan Pembangunan Kampong Bharu (PKB) organized a photography competition. The theme of the competition was "Keindahan dan Pencahayan Kampong Bharu" which translates to the beauty and the light of Kampong Bharu. VERITAS' project the Saloma Link, was chosen as the focus point of the competition as it is an iconic landmark of Kampong Bharu.



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BATTLING CORRUPTION AND PATRONAGE

This virtual forum, which brings together a diversity of speakers, will discuss the origin and causes of corruption and patronage, the conditions that foster it and make it even more prevalent, and finally will suggest some hard, practical solutions to this pandemic which has been with us for years with no end in sight

Professor Terence Gomez
Dean Faculty of Economics & Administration
University Malaya

David Hashim
Founder/CEO
Veritas Design Group

YB Fahmi Fadzil
Member of Parliament
Lembah Pantai

Dr. Muhammad Mohan
President
Transparency International Malaysia

Master of Ceremonies
Patrick Teoh
Executive Director
PETRA Media

Opening Remarks
Datuk Dr. Vinod Sekhar
Chairman & CEO
PETRA Group

Moderator
P. Gunasegaram
Executive Director of Sekhar Institute
Editorial Consultant of The Vibes

Thursday 4 February 2021 | 10:00AM - 12:30PM (GMT +8)

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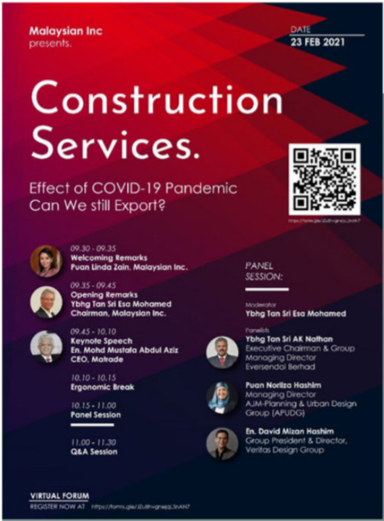

Malaysian Inc
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23 FEB 2021

Construction Services.

Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic
Can We still Export?

09.30 - 09.35
Welcoming Remarks
Puan Linda Zain, Malaysian Inc.

09.35 - 09.45
Opening Remarks
Ybhg Tan Sri Esa Mohamed
Chairman, Malaysian Inc.

09.45 - 10.10
Keynote Speech
En. Mohd Mustafa Abdul Aziz
CEO, Matrade

10.10 - 10.15
Ergonomic Break

10.15 - 11.00
Panel Session

11.00 - 11.30
Q&A Session

PANEL SESSION:

Moderator
Ybhg Tan Sri Esa Mohamed

Panelists
Ybhg Tan Sri AK Nathan
Executive Chairman & Group Managing Director
Eversendai Berhad

Puan Norliza Hashim
Managing Director
AJM-Planning & Urban Design Group (APUDG)

En. David Mizan Hashim
Group President & Director,
Veritas Design Group

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Battling Corruption and Patronage

On 4th February 2021 VERITAS President David Hashim gave a talk in a virtual forum entitled "Battling Corruption and Patronage". The forum was sponsored by the Shekar Institute and supported by theVibes.com. The speakers discussed the origin and causes of corruption and patronage, the conditions that foster it and suggestions for some practical solutions. David's perspective was on the dilemma faced by the private sector in navigating the obstacles created by corruption while maintaining one's values and principles.

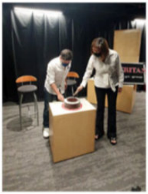
Constructions Services Virtual Forum

What's Happening

On 23rd February 2021 VERITAS President David Hashim gave a talk in a virtual forum on Construction Services. The forum discussed the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on capabilities export of professional services. The virtual forum was organized by Malaysia Inc/MATRADE and featured other successful exporters of construction services such as Tan Sri AK Nathan of Eversendai Corporation Berhad.

Office Warming Party

On 5th February VERITAS organized an office warming party at its new location; Wangsa 118. The office which was recently renovated serves as the main office for VERITAS Design Group featuring a modern and dynamic design.



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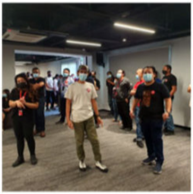

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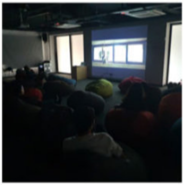
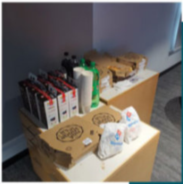
The office warming party started with a short speech by Group President David Hashim, Vice-President Lillian Tay and all the attending Principals about the hopes and best wishes for VERITAS. After the speech, the Principals released pigeons from the roof top symbolizing new hopes for the company. Packed snacks and drinks were served to maintain the SOP.

VERITAS JB Yee Sang Toss Ceremony

On 9th February 2021 VERITAS Johor Bahru Sports and Social Club (VJSSC) organized a small "Yee Sang" tossing ceremony at the JB office during lunch. The staffs gathered and tossed this traditional dish wishing for good luck, abundance of prosperity and good health for everyone.





VERITAS Movie Night

VERITAS has started organizing movie nights every other Wednesday evening, creating a fun-filled after-work activity.To be held in the loft of VERITAS new office, the movies are chosen to focus on design and culture and to be an educational experience for all attendees. The first movie was held on 10th February 2021. Bravo to VERITASian Fatin Shaza for leading this great effort!

VERITAS Chinese New Year Luncheon

On 24th February 2021 VERITAS organized a Chinese New Year Luncheon at the Wangsa 118 office. VERITASians dressed in their best CNY themed costumes for the luncheon. Angpows were given to all VERITASians and the best dress won by Muhammad Zulhilmi Md Ali for male and Siti Anis Salimah Mohd Azam female. The highlight of the event was the Group President David Hashim dressed as the "God of Heaven" to give away Angpow to VERITASians. The meals were served in packed containers to maintain social distancing and VERITAS SOP.

Staff of Month

Our staff of the month for February is VERITASian Jaf Reen Narissia Inas Jaf Faizal, commonly known as just "Inas" among her colleagues and friends. Inas is currently holding the position of Assistant Architect and has been with the firm for the last 3 years. Inas shares her personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):

VG: How would you describe working at VERITAS in a song? And Why?
INAS: Seven Nation Army, because coming to work is just another day in the battlefield. And I see everyone in VERITAS as soldiers working hand in hand and giving their all to fight for another day.

VG: What's your passion or hobby? Is that what inspired you to choose a career in architecture?
INAS: My favorite pastime would be dancing and baking. It's a therapeutic form of activity that allows me to zone out and be in my own creative space.

VG: What is your biggest challenge now in VERITAS?
INAS: Joining our weekly "met-con" session consistently! I think it's very important to have a healthy work-life balance and making sure we have enough time to concentrate on our own well-being.

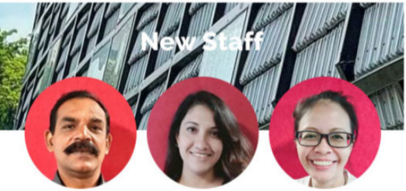
VG: What resources do you think would be helpful to boost maximum efficiency among

VERITASians ?
INAS: I suppose a tech advancement in the company is necessary, where there is a person in charge for detail compilations in our projects via up-to-date tech systems that allows instant access for designers and draughtmen alike for maximum efficiency in our day-to-day work.

VG: In your opinion, which building in Malaysia is a true work of art?
INAS: To me the "Traditional Malay House" is a true form of art given that it was designed with the limited resources and technology that was available during that time. Designed to fit our tropical climate, equipped with traditional decorative elements, and its construction methods - the tanggam, it truly bears testament to its purpose.

VG: One last question, since it's the month of love, say a cheesy pick-up line with architectural reference.
INAS: You are one in a mullion, haha !

New Staff



Annadhurai A/L
Paskaran
- Driver
Veritas Architects
Sdn. Bhd.
(Kuala Lumpur)

Keshvinder Kaur A/P
Kaka Singh
- HR & Admin Manager
Veritas Architects
Sdn. Bhd.
(Kuala Lumpur)

Magdalene Koea
- Senior Account
Executive
Veritas Architects
Sdn. Bhd.
(Kuala Lumpur)

WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - February

1st Roselinda
2nd Mohd Iskandar
Mohd Rafiuddin
5th Mohd Faisal
8th Mohd Izzat
11th Rahimi
13th Muhamad Azraei
14th Leong Bee Shim
15th Misamudin Muda
16th Karen Foong
20th Tajuddin Zulkifli
23rd Ahmad Safwan,
Muhammad Syafie
27th Nor Hasshim
29th Ridzuan Shah

Bundle Of Joy

Congratulations to VERITASian Mohamad Zahir Abu Bakar and spouse Nurfardillah Daud for the arrival of their new baby girl Nur Zahwa Azzalea Mohamad Zahir on 8th of January 2021.

Congratulations to VERITASian Ahmad Faruq Zulkifli and his spouse Nu Aini Hanis Suhaimi for tying his knot on 6th of February 2021 at Bandar Seri Alam, Masai Johor.

Newly Weds

By three methods we may learn wisdom:

First, by **REFLECTION** which is noblest;
Second, by **IMITATION** which is easiest;
Third by **EXPERIENCE** which is the bitterest.

Confucious