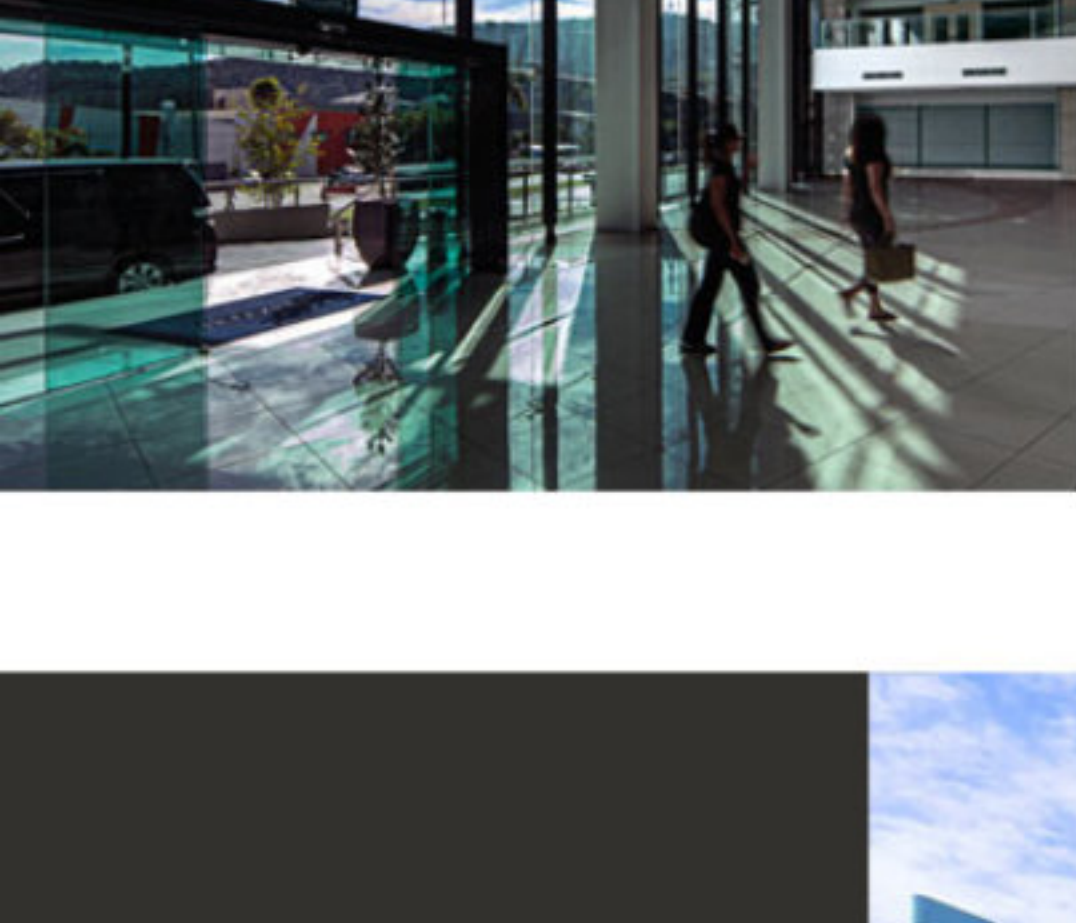


DEAR READERS; WELCOME TO 2021!

In conjunction with the new year, we have given the VERITAS E-News a new dynamic appearance. We hope you like this new "look and feel"!

In this month's E-News, we are pleased to feature one of VERITAS' recently completed projects; the Lakeside Floating Restaurant for PKNS in Shah Alam.



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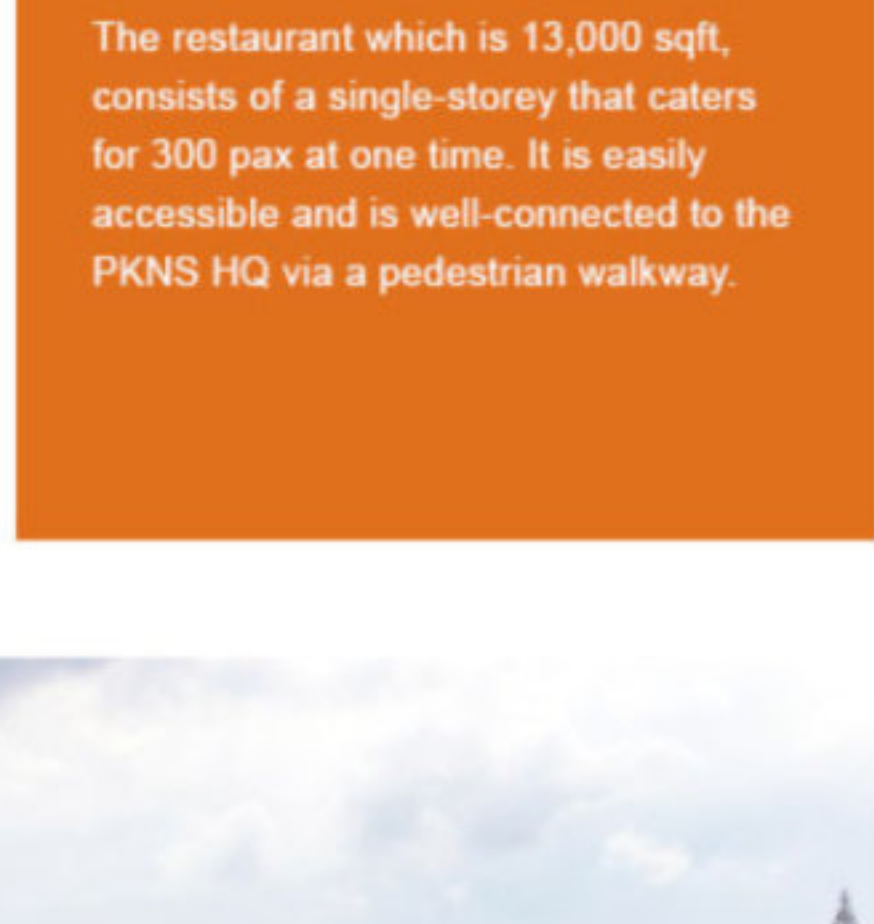
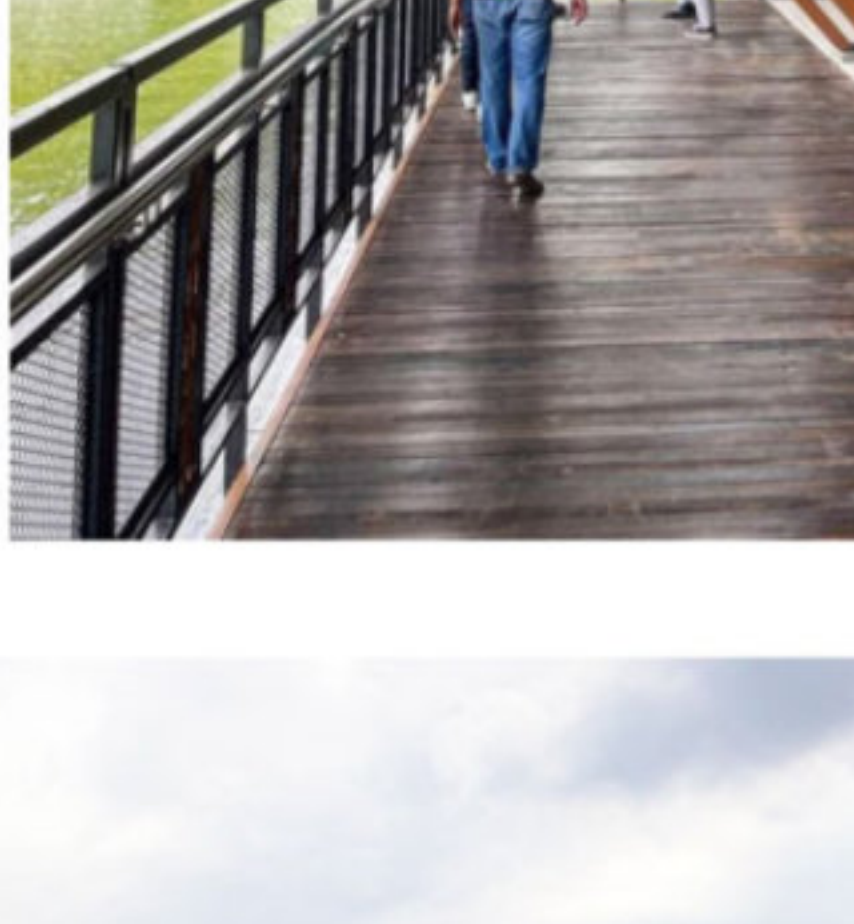
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This E-news will also cover many other interesting happenings in VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS E-news! And please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

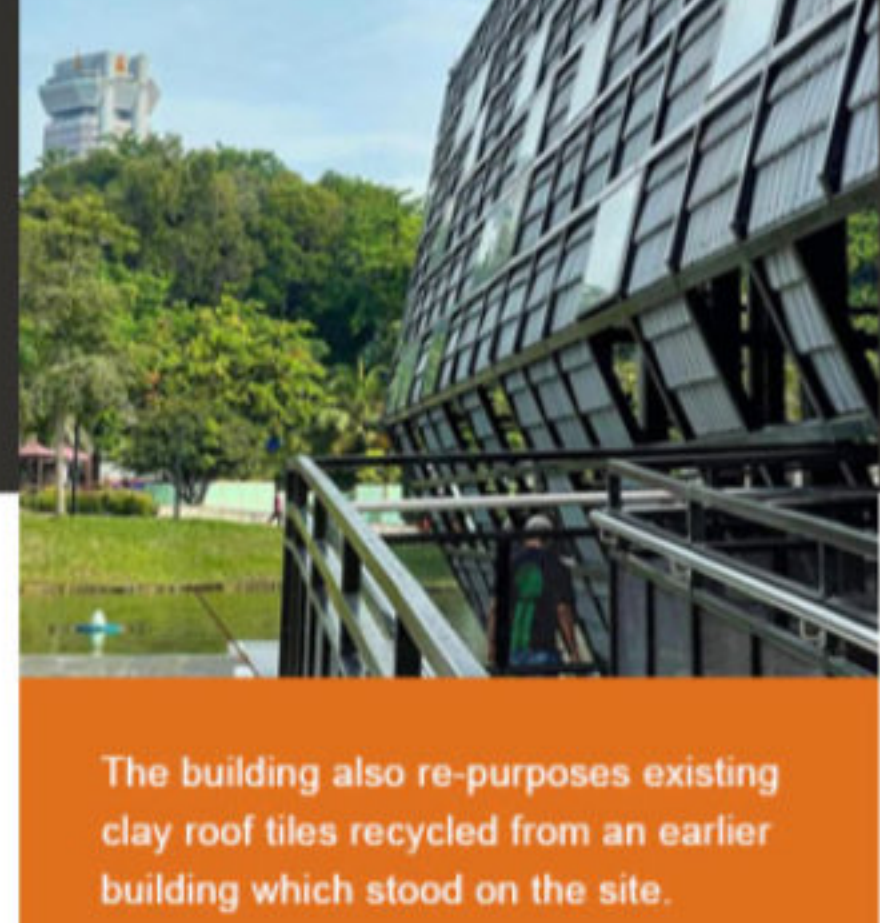
LAKESIDE FLOATING RESTAURANT PKNS, SHAH ALAM

The Lakeside Floating Restaurant is located in the heart of Shah Alam, the capital of Selangor Darul Ehsan. The restaurant's design was inspired by the Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) HQ which was completed in 2016. That award-winning building was also designed by VERITAS and the new floating restaurant located nearby was designed to compliment it.

"Elements of Selangor's cultural identity mixed with the latest trends of environmentally sustainable architecture are embedded into the design concept."



The restaurant which is 13,000 sqft, consists of a single-storey that caters for 300 pax at one time. It is easily accessible and is well-connected to the PKNS HQ via a pedestrian walkway.



The building also re-purposes existing clay roof tiles recycled from an earlier building which stood on the site.



The building's high ceiling, naturally ventilated openings and use of natural lighting enhance the building's low-energy performance ensures low energy usage.



The restaurant was completed in early January 2021, and will soon be open to the public.

Medical and tech hub coming up in Batu Kawan



Where We Are Featured

An article in the Penang Health and Digital Technology Hub in Batu Kawan.

A ONE STOP centre for health, education and technology is set to be developed in the new town of Batu Kawan following an exchange of representation of understanding between Penang and a private company. The new town will be a hub for digital medical and digital technology.

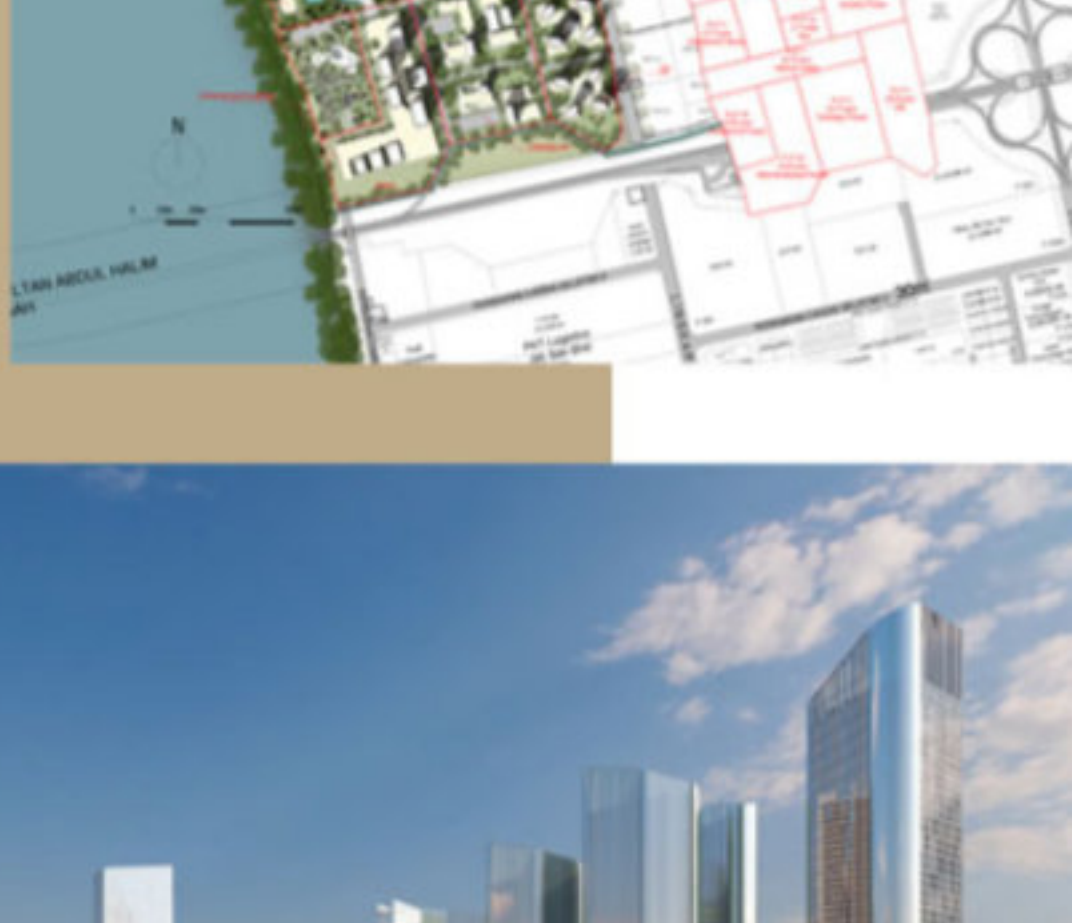
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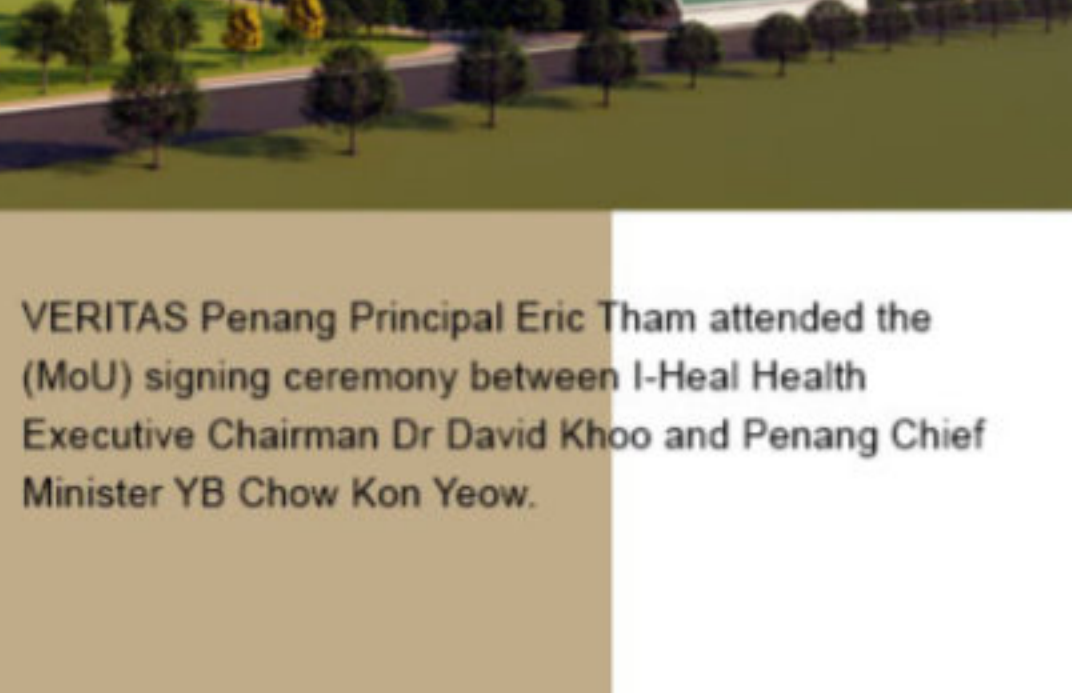
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MEDICAL TECH HUB COMING UP IN BATU KAWAN

On 14th January 2020 VERITAS Penang's latest project Asian Health City was featured in the Star Newspaper. VERITAS Penang is the designer for the master plan of this exciting project which will be built in Batu Kawan, Penang.



"This one-stop centre for health, education and technology is expected to promote Penang as an Asean hub for medical technology in particular."



VERITAS Penang Principal Eric Tham attended the (MoU) signing ceremony between I-Heal Health Executive Chairman Dr David Khoo and Penang Chief Minister YB Chow Kon Yeow.



What's Happening

MY AMCHAM 2020

VERITAS is proud to announce that on the 24th of November 2020, we received recognition by the American Chamber of Commerce Malaysia (AMCHAM) for excellence in corporate social responsibility (CSR) practices. The award was presented by the US Ambassador to Malaysia Kamala Shirin Lakshmi to VERITAS General Manager Nik Hasnini. Congratulations to the VERITAS CSR Team!



VERITAS JOHOR ONLINE DINNER PARTY

On 27th December 2020, VERITAS Johor Sports and Social Club (VJSSC) organized an online dinner party via Zoom. Staff were given special allocations to buy dinner for their respective families and communication devices were provided to connect everyone. Several online games were played to make the party fun and entertaining. Bravo to VJSSC for organizing such a creative activity to boost staff morale during the pandemic!



LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2020

The Principals of VERITAS including the Group EXCO and all Associates, attended the 2nd Leadership Retreat for 2020 on 15th and 16th January of 2021 via Zoom. The purpose of the 2-day online retreat was to prepare a rigorous leadership strategy and plan for the year 2021 and beyond. International Principals from our Melbourne, London, Ho Chi Minh City, Mumbai, and USA offices attended and everyone made inspiring presentations of their 2020 performance and future plans. The formal interactions were balanced with fun-filled activities and vigorous break-out discussions.



ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD 2020

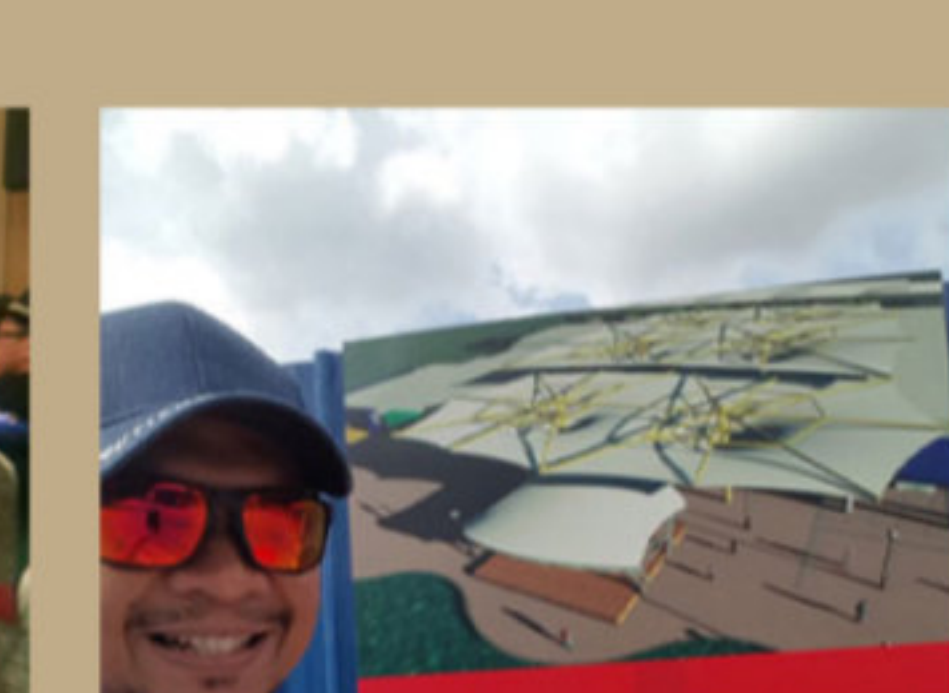
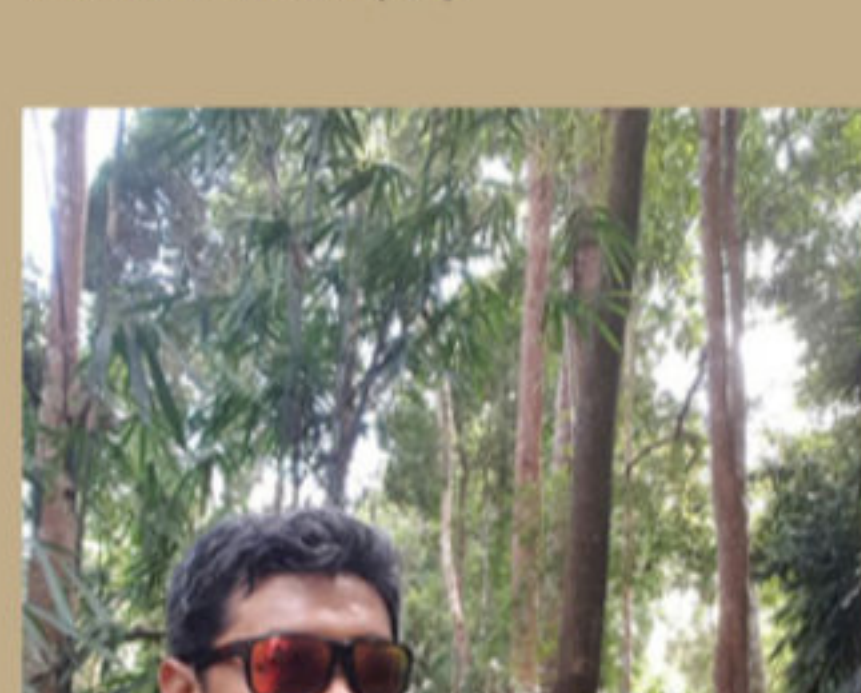
We are proud to announce that VERITAS President David Hashim has been nominated as a finalist in the Master Category for the entrepreneur of the year 2020 award by Ernst & Young. Among the 5 finalists, one will be chosen in March to receive Malaysia's Master Entrepreneur of the year award.

"Let's wish David the best of luck!"



STAFF OF MONTH

Our staff of the month for January is VERITASian Muhammad Khairul Azman, commonly known as just "Khairul" among his colleagues and friends. Khairul is currently holding the position of Assistant Architect and has been with the firm for the past 10 years. Khairul shares his personal story with Venuthan Ganasan (VG):



VG: How would you describe working at VERITAS in a Movie Title? and Why?
Khairul: I'm not sure how to answer this but working with VERITAS is surely like an adventure or a superhero movie with many unexpected twist and turns. The ending of the movie will always focus on winning the battle (or achieve your dead line). However, it will continue with more sequel and chapters. I prefer anime though! Ha-ha!

VG: What's your passion or hobby? Is that what inspired you to choose a career in architecture?
Khairul: I am very passionate about paintings and visual arts. I'm very versatile in all mediums. I dabble myself in doing oil paintings, water colour art, colour pencil sketches and digital paintings as well. Perhaps this passion of mine is what inspired me to do architecture. Other than that, I love cooking and has its own creative side as well.

VG: How would you revolutionize the architecture industry if you were given a chance?
Khairul: Revolutionize? I don't think I want to do that our industry. I believe architecture needs to be free and evolve without any restrictions on its own. Apart from that, my hopes are for the procedures to obtain authority approval for a project can be revolutionized in Malaysia to be more simplified. I think we have far too many paperwork! 'sighs'.

VG: What is the first thing you notice about a building, and why?
Khairul: The first thing I notice is always the shape, then the colours and lastly the intricate details. Can't really explain why, but I believe as an artist that's how I analyse anything I see.

VG: In your opinion, which building in Malaysia is a true work of art?
Khairul: Tough question. I choose "Ubudiah Mosque" in Kuala Kangsar. That's one true work of art in Malaysia.



WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - JANUARY

- 1st Tarek Chaar, Atiqah Nur Yahya
- 4th Abdul Malek Kanchil, Suhaimi Baba, Zaniman Sulong
- 5th Mohd Syarikin Mohd Zailani
- 6th Zawawi Mansur, Harman Buoyong Shafiq
- 9th Kamil Zaquan Mohd Zaini
- 10th Ramli Ahmad, Kelvin, Chen
- 12th Ehsanuddin Shah Bin Azhar
- 26th Mohd. Redzuan B. Ramli, Shahrul Maasom Ab Halim
- 27th Kenny Wong
- 28th Wan Tzay Tang, Lee Siew Ling

