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Hello everyone!

In this month's E-news, are pleased to feature some of VERITAS' recent technology-related projects.

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 TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Technology intensive and industrial-type facilities have specialized function-related needs, which greatly influence the building design. Consequently, technical and production knowledge is a very important asset in handling such projects.

Successful involvement in several technology intensive and industrial projects has proven VERITAS' ability to handle these technical requirements without sacrificing the architectural character of the final outcome.

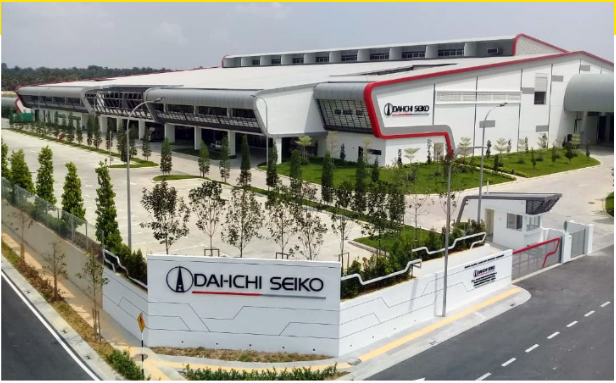
VADS Data Centre, Johor

The VADS Iskandar Puteri core data center (IPDC), also known as TMOne is a 8,400 sm "white space" that will have Uptime Tier III design and construction certification. The project also comprises 930 sm for office suites and disaster recovery workspaces. VERITAS provided project management services on this project to support DC Architects.

Status: Completed 2017

Client: UEM Berhad

DAI-ICHI SEIKO (MDI Factory), Johor



The Dai-Ichi Seiko factory is a 44,500sm high-tech facility for the manufacturing of electronic components, built on a 10.8-acre site in the Nusajaya Tech Park, outside Johor Bharu. The design of this stand-alone precision manufacturing facility intentionally conforms to the curvilinear geometry of the adjacent flatted factories of the Park (also designed by VERITAS). The project is owned by the Dai-Ichi Corporation of Japan, and was built on a fast-track basis. It was completed in only 10 months and was awarded Top 3 of Best Work Spaces by JIDA Design in 2019.

DAIICHI SEIKO

Status: Completed 2018
Client: Dai-ichi Seiko (M) Sdn Bhd

DAIICHI SEIKO

Located in the 45-acre Lembaga Getah Asli business park in Kota Tinggi, Johor, this 5,200 sm building is a research and development facility for new sustainable rubber products. It houses the machinery of the industrial processes, testing laboratories, staff canteen and other supporting amenities for the employees.

Rubber Research Institute (LGM), Johor

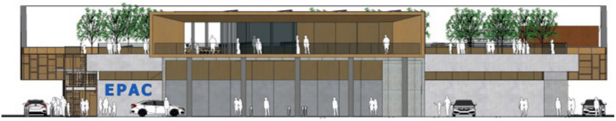
The building is Gold Rated in acknowledgement of its many eco-friendly features; a storm water harvesting system, energy-saving machinery, levelling gravity flow production, biological sewage effluent treatment, indigenous recyclable materials and extensive landscaping.

Status: Completed 2017
Client: Malaysian Rubber Board (LGM)

Nusajaya Tech Park Johor

Nusajaya Tech Park spreads across 518-acres in Iskandar, Malaysia. The technology park brings together best-in-class business space and sophisticated facilities in a prestigious and eco-friendly environment. A layman's perception of industrial architecture is often rigid in structure and static in nature; however Nusajaya Tech Park was designed to counter this traditional opinion by incorporating a dynamic curvilinear form to redefine industrial architecture in Malaysia. Green-certified materials were incorporated and the jack-roof provides a passive approach for sustainability with natural cross-ventilation and lighting.

Status: Completed 2016
Client: ASCENDAS



EPAC,Sendayan Tech Valley, Negeri Sembilan

The EPAC production center is a state-of-the-art high-tech printing facility with a built-up area of 3,300sm. It is located on a 1.5-acre industrial plot in Sendayan Tech Valley, Negeri Sembilan. The facility is designed to meet energy efficiency and sustainability goals with a conducive work environment for its' occupants. The design approach for this project is to provide a strong identity with clear circulation connection to activate communication between distinct programmatic components.

Status: Completion 2024
Client: EPAC Technology Sdn Bhd

TESCO Distribution Centre, Selangor

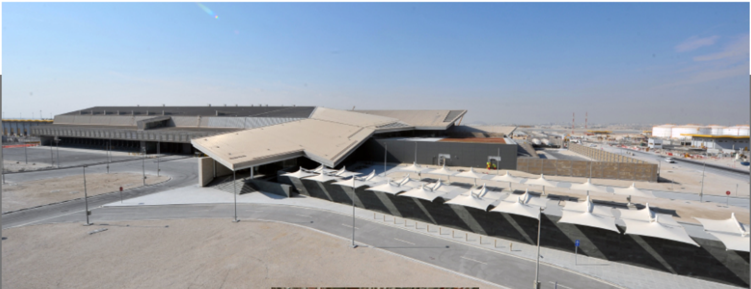
Strategically located at Bukit Beruntung to be logistically at the centre of the West Malaysian peninsula, the Tesco Distribution Centre is designed to receive imported goods, repackage them and redistribute them to Tesco hypermarkets throughout Malaysia. The major design impetus driving the development of the building is the Client's requirement that it meet energy standards modeled after Tesco in the UK. The building is a rectangular shed with its shorter sides orientated east-west to reduce exposure to the rising and setting sun with fully insulated walls.

Status:
Completed 2008

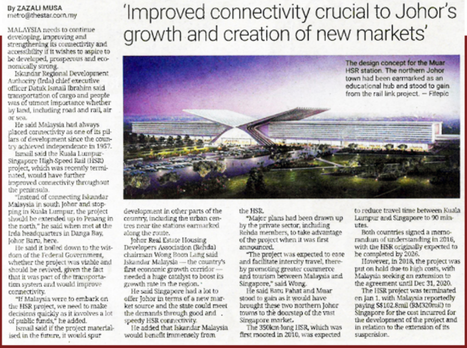
Client:
Tesco Stores (M)
Sdn Bhd

Doha Airport Inflight Catering, Qatar

The purpose of this catering facility is to house the process of food catering for airlines serving Doha Airport. This specialized operation depends on the demands of the carrier's size and frequency of service. At its core this service involves the loading and unloading of vehicles bearing catered food and the preparation of in-flight meals for the airlines. This operation involves many complex steps along a distribution chain that vary in their requirements and treatment of food. The design is a rectangular box with striated surfaces, constructed with a long span portal frame that results in a nearly completely column-free space.



Status: Completed 2012
Client: Muhibbah-Engineering Berhad/ Bechtel Corporation



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'Improved connectivity crucial to Johor's growth and creation of new markets'

The design concept for the Muar HSR station. The northern Johor town had been earmarked as an educational hub and stood to gain from the rail link project. – Filepic

MALAYSIA needs to continue developing, improving and strengthening its connectivity and accessibility if it wishes to aspire to be developed, prosperous and economically strong.

Iskandar Regional Development Authority (Irda) chief executive officer Datuk Ismail Ibrahim said transportation of cargo and people was of utmost importance whether by land, including road and rail, air or sea.

He said Malaysia had always placed connectivity as one of its pillars of development since the country achieved independence in 1957.

Ismail said the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail (HSR) project, which was recently terminated, would have further improved connectivity throughout the peninsula.

"Instead of connecting Iskandar Malaysia in south Johor and stopping in Kuala Lumpur, the project should be extended up to Penang in the north," he said when met at the Irda headquarters in Danga Bay, Johor Baru, here.

He said it boiled down to the wisdom of the Federal Government, whether the project was viable and should be revived, given the fact that it was part of the transportation system and would improve connectivity.

"If Malaysia were to embark on the HSR project, we need to make decisions quickly as it involves a lot of public funds," he added.

Ismail said if the project materialised in the future, it would spur development in other parts of the country, including the urban centres near the stations earmarked along the route.

Johor Real Estate Housing Developers Association (Rehda) chairman Wong Boon Lang said Iskandar Malaysia — the country's first economic growth corridor — needed a huge catalyst to boost its growth rate in the region.

He said Singapore had a lot to offer Johor in terms of a new market source and the state could meet the demands through good and speedy HSR connectivity.

He added that Iskandar Malaysia would benefit immensely from the HSR.

"Major plans had been drawn up by the private sector, including Rehda members, to take advantage of the project when it was first announced.

"The project was expected to ease and facilitate intercity travel, thereby promoting greater commerce and tourism between Malaysia and Singapore," said Wong.

He said Batu Pahat and Muar stood to gain as it would have brought these two northern Johor towns to the doorstep of the vast Singapore market.

The 350km-long HSR, which was first mooted in 2010, was expected to reduce travel time between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore to 90 minutes.

Both countries signed a memorandum of understanding in 2016, with the HSR originally expected to be completed by 2026.

However, in 2018, the project was put on hold due to high costs, with Malaysia seeking an extension to the agreement until Dec 31, 2020.

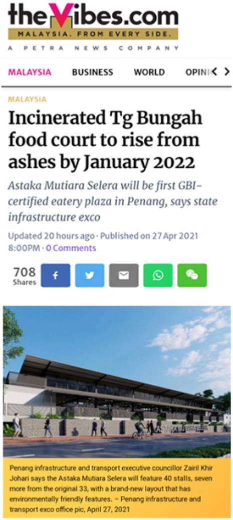
The HSR project was terminated on Jan 1, with Malaysia reportedly paying S$102.8mil (RM320mil) to Singapore for the cost incurred for the development of the project and in relation to the extension of its suspension.

High-Speed Rail Stations

WHERE WE ARE FEATURED

StarMetro

On 9th April 2021 VERITAS' design proposal for the High-Speed Rail (MYHSR) stations were featured in the metro section of the Star newspaper. The article illustrated the design scheme for the Muar HSR Station and highlighted the need for continued connectivity and accessibility development for the country.



MALAYSIA

Incinerated Tg Bungah food court to rise from ashes by January 2022

Astaka Mutiara Selera will be first GBI-certified eatery plaza in Penang, says state infrastructure exco

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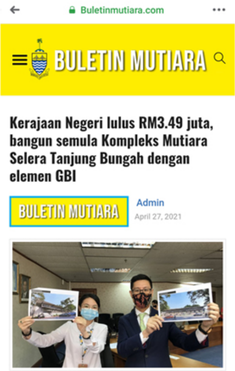
Penang infrastructure and transport executive councillor Zairil Khir Johari says the Astaka Mutiara Selera will feature 40 stalls, seven more from the original 33, with a brand-new layout that has environmentally friendly features. – Penang infrastructure and transport exco office pic, April 27, 2021

Incinerated Tanjung Bungah Food Court to Rise from Ashes

On 27th April 2021 VERITAS Penang's latest design for the Astaka Mutiara Selera food-court was featured in theVibes.com website and Buletin Mutiara newspaper. This will be the first GBI-certified eatery plaza in Penang which will be built after the fire accident that destroyed the previous food court in Tanjung Bungah. The project is being done on a pro-bono basis by VERITAS Penang.



Kerajaan Negeri lulus RM3.49 juta, bangun semula Kompleks Mutiara Selera Tanjung Bungah dengan elemen GBI

Admin
April 27, 2021

theVibes.com
Buletin Mutiara

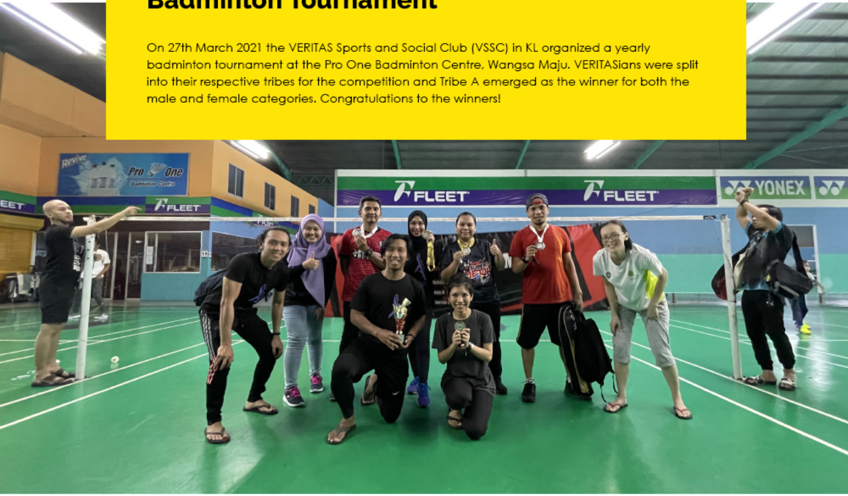
BFM: Can Our Buildings Withstand Climate Change?

On 23rd April 2021 VERITAS Vice-President Lillian Tay was interviewed on BFM Radio. The topic of her talk was *"Can Our Buildings Withstand Climate Change?"*. Lillian explained how most buildings in the country are structurally sound and should be able to withstand rising temperatures and strong wind conditions, but that the real threat is unplanned development and the need for more greenery in our cities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Badminton Tournament

On 27th March 2021 the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) in KL organized a yearly badminton tournament at the Pro One Badminton Centre, Wangsa Maju. VERITASians were split into their respective tribes for the competition and Tribe A emerged as the winner for both the male and female categories. Congratulations to the winners!



VERITAS Johor Bahru Dart and Congkak Tournament

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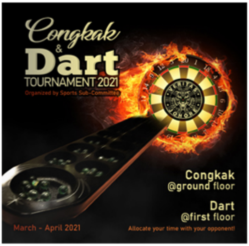


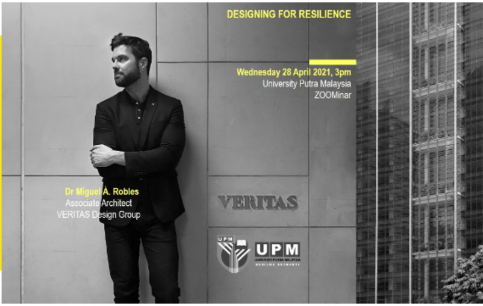
On the first week of April 2021 VERITAS Sports and Social Club Johor Bahru (VSSCJB) organized a dart and congkak tournament among the staff in the JB office. The tournament was held over few days (after working hours). After the fierce competition, Mohamad Zahir Abu Bakar won the congkak tournament and Fakhrurazi Bustani emerged as winner for the Dart tournament. Congratulations to the winners!

VERITAS Penang Iftar Ramadhan

On 23rd April 2021 VERITAS Penang organized an Iftar Ramadhan event at the Cititel Hotel, Penang. VERITASians joined the Iftar after work for a scrumptious meal to break their fast.

Designing for Resilience

On 28th April 2021 VERITAS Associate Miguel Robles gave a talk to the University Putra Malaysia (UPM) students through zoom. He talked about "Designing For Resilience" and was attended by 30 students and lecturers.



DESIGNING FOR RESILIENCE

Wednesday 28 April 2021, 3pm
University Putra Malaysia
ZOOMinar

Dr Miguel Á. Robles
Associate Architect
VERITAS Design Group

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Staff of the Month

Our staff of the month for January is VERITASian **Rafiuddin Jasman**, commonly known as just "Raf" among his colleagues and friends. Raf is currently holding the position of **Accounts Assistant** for VERITAS JB and has been with the firm for the past 10 years. RAF shares his personal story with **Venuthan Ganasan (VG)**:

VG: What is your hobby or passion?
RAF: My passion changes all the time as I love to explore new things in life and live to the fullest from traveling to cooking but once I am into something, I'd do my level best to achieve or complete the goal. But if you ask me my current hobby during this pandemic covid-19 would be playing any computer games that offered on Steam, from RPG (role-playing game) to Strategic type of games like 9 Parchments and Tricky Tower, whereby I can play it online with other gamers all over the world virtually. What intrigues me the most is while playing

VG: What is biggest challenge working in VERITAS, and how do you handle the challenge?
RAF: Working in VERITAS taught me to uphold credibility and responsibility to my highest ability, albeit sometimes it's a constant battle between invoicing and collection. It is a consistent challenge and I have hard every day, keep in touch and follow up with the Client which is the most effective way to handle the most challenging part of my work.

VG: What's something a colleague did recently that made a positive impact?
RAF: I am not really a coffee person but I always loved the fresh coffee aroma that out of our pantry every morning that made by this specific colleague "hamba Allah". This small gesture meant a lot and gave a huge impact to the staff. I am very were grateful to have a very empathetic leader and amazing colleagues during this toughest time.

VG: How would you describe working in VERITAS in a movie title.
RAF: The Devil Wears Prada by David Frankel is one of everyone's favourite movie and for me as well. This movie would best describe working in VERITAS.I found all 5 VERITAS' core values and in this movie, and how it led the company to elevate the quality of our built environment for the pleasure of humanity.

online games, you could meet new people that have the same passion as well as you can spend your quality time at home safely. #kitajagakita

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WHO'S celebrating their BIRTHDAY - April

1st Nik Hasnini Nik Muhamad
4th Muhammad Nashriq Aliff
5th Siti Anis Salimah Mohd Azam, Venuthan Ganasan
6th Farah Yusof, Nur Hidayah Yezid
7th Nor Razaley Nordin
11th Andreas Gouthaman Kanabathy
14th Winston Ong
17th Haseef Rafiei
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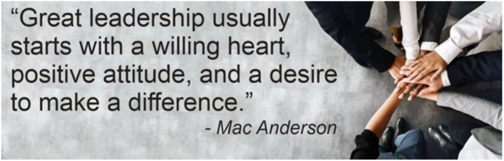
19th Salman Abu Hasan
23rd Hamizah Jaafar
26th Hanil Fikri Abd Ghani
27th Anizah Md Ariffen
28th Yong Chew Wah, Yusri Yahya
29th Fatin Shaza Hassanudin, Mohamad Noor Borhan
30th Muhammad Hakim Mohd Igbal, Mohd Irwan Shah Mohd Hashim

Newly Weds

Congratulations to VERITASian Lydia Sabrina Zilan and her spouse Khairul Shafit Rosnan for tying the knot on 3rd April 2021 at the Bankers Club, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur.



"Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference."

- Mac Anderson

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