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Arena Larkin Indoor Stadium, Johor

Selamat Hari Merdeka!
Happy Independence Day!

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

This E-news will also cover many other interesting happenings in VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS E-news! And please feel free to contact us if you would like to know more about any of the stories featured here.

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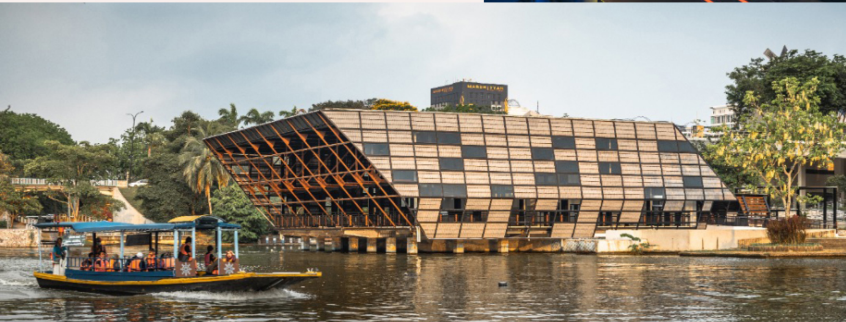
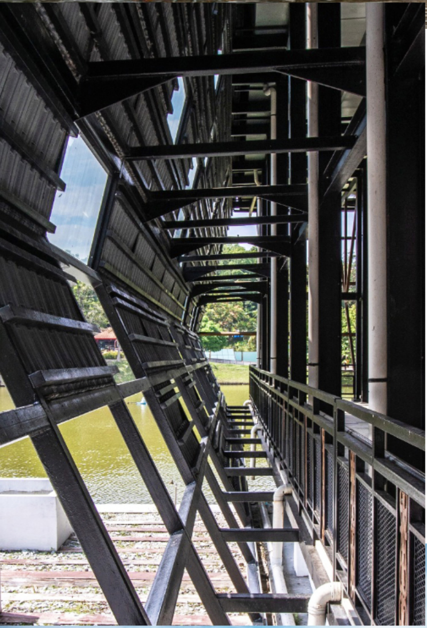
Pintasan Saloma, Kuala Lumpur

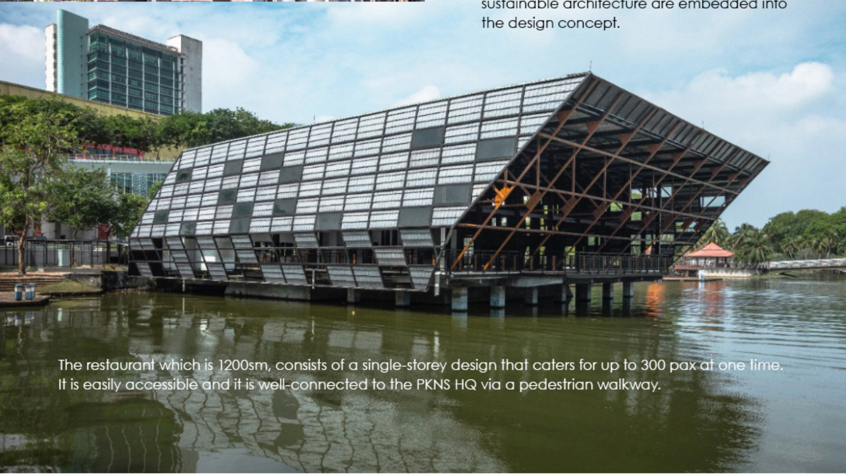




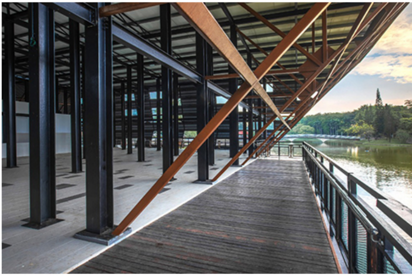
Lakeside Floating Restaurant PKNS, Shah Alam

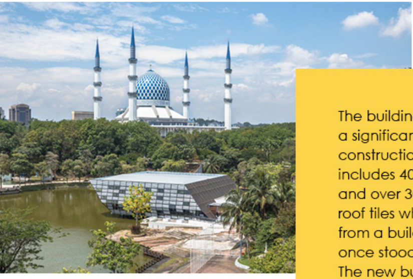
The Lakeside Floating Restaurant is located in the heart of Shah Alam, the capital of Selangor Darul Ehsan. The building is a refurbishment of an existing structure located at the same location. The restaurant's design was inspired by the Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS) HQ which was completed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

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 1200sm, consists of a single-storey design that caters for up to 300 pax at one time. It is easily accessible and it is well-connected to the PKNS HQ via a pedestrian walkway.





The building also re-purposes a significant amount of construction material which includes 40sm of timber deck and over 300 pieces of clay roof tiles which were recycled from a building which was once stood on the same site. The new building's high ceiling, naturally ventilated openings and use of natural day-lighting enhances it's low-energy performance and ensures efficient energy usage.

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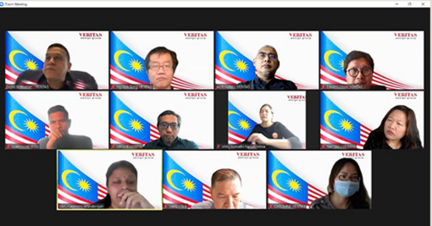
"Malaysia Prihatin unveiled as theme of Merdeka celebrations, which emphasises the spirit of patriotism, unity and love for the country."

Merdeka Mood at VERITAS

It is time to show your patriotism and raise the national flag throughout the Merdeka month. In conjunction with Malaysia's 64th Independence Day, VERITAS General Manager, Nik Hasnini handed out our Jalur Gemilang flags to encourage VERITASians to decorate their work stations as well as to enliven their inner Merdeka spirits.

"640 Jalur Gemilang flags were placed at VERITAS reception wall to commemorate 64 years of Malaysia Independence Day."

VERITAS General Manager, Nik Hasnini hands out our Jalur Gemilang flag to VERITAS Building and Maintenance Manager Shakthee Kumar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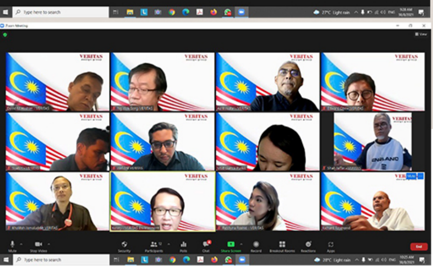

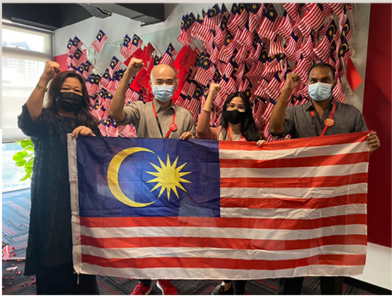

VERITAS Excos and Principals share their most patriotic Zoom meeting moments

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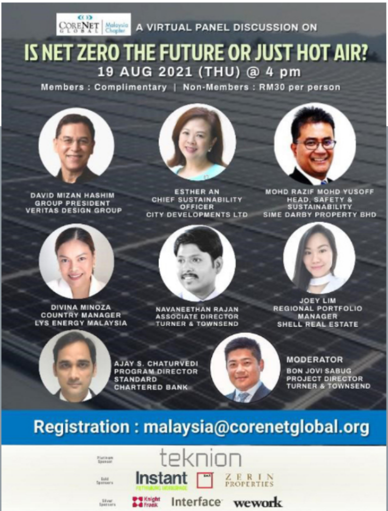

CoreNet Global Malaysia Chapter A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON

IS NET ZERO THE FUTURE OR JUST HOT AIR?

19 AUG 2021 (THU) @ 4 pm

Members : Complimentary | Non-Members : RM30 per person

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Corenet Global Malaysia Chapter *"Is Net Zero The Future Or Just Hot Air"*

On 19th August, VERITAS Group President David Mizan Hashim, spoke passionately at a virtual conference on the topic 'Is Net Zero the Future or Just Hot Air?' in which he described the challenges and opportunities concerning the Real Estate Industry posed by Climate Change. The event was organized by Corenet Global Malaysia Chapter via Zoom and hosted some well-known experts in the real estate industry and

Amongst the topics discussed were about how industry should collectively prioritize Net Zero commitments, and how this could be achieved by sourcing and developing the right innovation strategies, leveraging on our government support and obtaining more sustainable financing. More importantly, the industry must be resilient in sustainable design Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).

its journey to achieve minimal carbon emitting operations.

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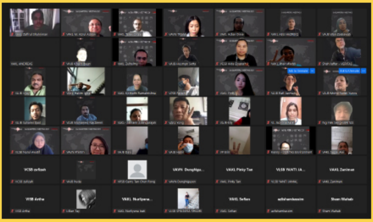
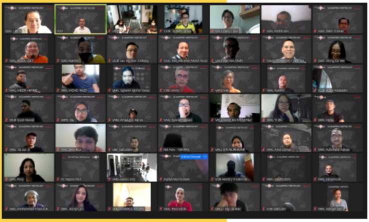


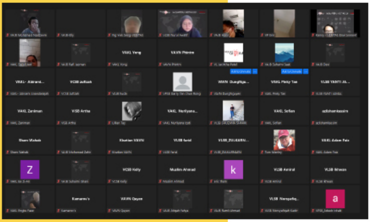


Staff Quarterly Meeting

On 21st August 2021 VERITAS conducted its third Staff Quarterly Meeting for 2021 via Zoom again. VERITAS Group President David Hashim gave a speech highlighting the challenges and opportunities faced by VERITAS specifically in the post pandemic context. Following the introduction, VERITAS Architects incoming Japan Principal Hisaya Sugiyama gave a presentation on the projects he is leading in Japan. Subsequently, VERITAS Learning Principal Tom Manley spoke about the exciting opportunities in this new special business unit.

VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay then shared some past and current achievements by VERITAS. Lillian expressed her thoughts on some of our significant projects that were very close to the heart of all VERITASians.

Another highlight of the meeting was an update on the collaboration between VERITAS Australia and MGS Architects presented by Robert McGauran and



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The meeting resumed with an inspirational talk by VERITAS Associate Aina Zuber in which she shared her life's journey. Her experiences abroad enabled her to interact with a diversity of people thus giving her the opportunity to work with big brands and hospitality Clients such as Accor and Banyan Tree.

Cameron Lacy. MGS is one of Melbourne's leading architectural design firms as well as being an award-winning practice that has developed a strong reputation for urban design advocacy. The VERITAS Australia and MGS alliance will provide seamless project delivery across Australia which will enable us to deliver services on a range of projects of significant scale with award-winning expertise across a variety of typologies.

The meeting also discussed on the directions and plans for the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC), the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) and VERITAS CARE Scheme updates.

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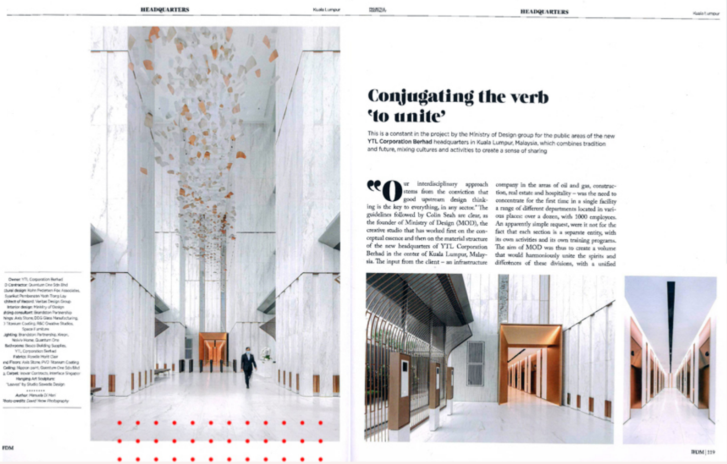

HEADQUARTERS Kuala Lumpur

Conjugating the verb 'to unite'

This is a constant in the project by the Ministry of Design group for the public areas of the new **YTL Corporation Berhad** headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which combines tradition and future, mixing cultures and activities to create a sense of sharing

"Our interdisciplinary approach stems from the conviction that good upstream design thinking is the key to everything, in any sector." The guidelines followed by Colin Seah are clear, as the founder of Ministry of Design (MOD), the creative studio that has worked first on the conceptual essence and then on the material structure of the new headquarters of YTL Corporation Berhad in the center of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The input from the client – an infrastructure company in the areas of oil and gas, construction, real estate and hospitality – was the need to concentrate for the first time in a single facility a range of different departments located in various places: over a dozen, with 1000 employees. An apparently simple request, were it not for the fact that each section is a separate entity, with its own activities and its own training programs. The aim of MOD was thus to create a volume that would harmoniously unite the spirits and differences of these divisions, with a unified

Owner: YTL Corporation Berhad
D Contractor: Quantum One Sdn Bhd
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Syarikat Pembenaan Yeoh Tiong Lay
chitect of Record: Veritas Design Group
Interior design: Ministry of Design
ghting consultant: Brandston Partnership
hings: Axis Stone, DDG Glass Manufacturing,
) Titanium Coating, R&C Creative Studios,
Space Furniture
Lighting: Brandston Partnership, Kreon,
Naiviv Home, Quantum One
Bathrooms: Besco Building Supplies,
YTL Corporation Berhad
Fabrics: Roselle Morit Clair
nd Floors: Axis Stone, PVD Titanium Coating
Ceiling: Nippon paint, Quantum One Sdn Bhd
g, Carpet: Inovar Contracts, Interface Singapor
Hanging Art Sculpture:
"Leaves" by Studio Sawada Design

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Interior Furniture Design Magazine (IFDM)

VERITAS' recently completed project the YTL Headquarters was featured in the spring/summer 2021 edition of Interior Furniture Design Magazine (IFDM). The magazine highlighted the sophisticated interior design for this high-rise office building located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Architectural services of this project were provided by VERITAS in collaboration with Kohn Pederson Fox Associates from New York City.

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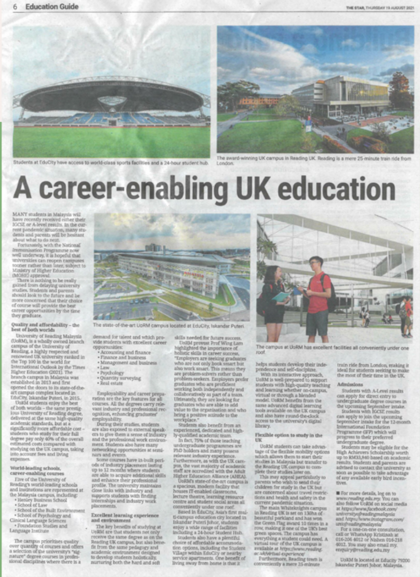
A Career-Enabling UK Education



6 **Education Guide**

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Students at EduCity have access to world-class sports facilities and a 24-hour student hub.

The award-winning UK campus in Reading UK. Reading is a mere 25-minute train ride from London.

A career-enabling UK education

MANY students in Malaysia will have recently received either their IGCSE or A-level results. In the current pandemic situation, many students and parents will be hesitant about what to do next.

Fortunately, with the National Immunisation Programme now well underway, it is hopeful that universities can reopen campuses sooner rather than later, subject to Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) approval.

There is nothing to be really gained from delaying university studies. Students and parents should look to the future and be more concerned that their choice of course will provide the best career opportunities by the time they graduate.

Quality and affordability – the best of both worlds

University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM), is a wholly owned branch campus of the University of Reading, a highly respected and renowned UK university ranked in the Top 100 in the world for International Outlook by the Times Higher Education (2021). The branch campus in Malaysia was established in 2013 and first opened the doors to its state-of-the-art campus complex located in EduCity, Iskandar Puteri, in 2015.

UoRM students enjoy the best of both worlds – the same prestigious University of Reading degree, delivered at the same high-quality academic standards, but at a significantly more affordable cost – students who study for their full degree pay only 40% of the overall estimated costs compared with studying on the UK campus, taking into account fees and living expenses.

World-leading schools, career-enabling courses

Five of the University of Reading's world-leading schools and institutions are represented at the Malaysia campus, including:

- Henley Business School
- School of Law
- School of the Built Environment
- School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences
- Foundation Studies and Language Institute

The campus prioritises quality over quantity of courses and offers a selection of the university's "signature" degree courses in professional disciplines where there is a demand for talent and which provide students with excellent career opportunities:

- Accounting and finance
- Finance and business
- Management and business
- Law
- Psychology
- Quantity surveying
- Real estate

Employability and career preparation are the key features for all courses. All the degrees carry relevant industry and professional recognition, enhancing graduates' employability.

During their studies, students are also exposed to external speakers to give them a sense of industry and the professional work environment. Students also have many networking opportunities at seminars and events.

Some courses have in-built periods of industry placement lasting up to 12 months where students are able to acquire additional skills and enhance their professional profile. The university maintains close links with industry and supports students with finding internships and industry work placements.

Excellent learning experience and environment

The key benefits of studying at UoRM are that students not only receive the same degree as on the Reading UK campus, but also benefit from the same pedagogy and academic environment designed to develop students holistically, nurturing both the hard and soft skills needed for future success.

UoRM provost Prof Wing Lam highlighted the importance of holistic skills in career success. "Employers are seeking graduates who are not only book smart but also work smart. This means they are problem-solvers rather than problem-seekers. Employers prefer graduates who are proficient working both independently and collaboratively as part of a team. Ultimately, they are looking for graduates who are able to add value to the organisation and who bring a positive attitude to the workplace."

Students also benefit from an experienced, dedicated and highly-qualified academic team.

In fact, 75% of those teaching undergraduate programmes are PhD holders and many possess relevant industry experience. Furthermore, as with the UK campus, the vast majority of academic staff are accredited with the Adult Higher Education Alliance (AHEA).

UoRM's state-of-the-art campus is a spacious, modern facility that houses IT-enabled classrooms, lecture theatre, learning resource centre and student social areas all conveniently under one roof.

Based in EduCity, Asia's first multi-campus education city located in Iskandar Puteri Johor, students enjoy a wide range of facilities including a 24-hour Student Hub.

Students also have a plentiful choice of affordable accommodation options, including the Student Village within EduCity or nearby service apartments. One benefit of living away from home is that it helps students develop their independence and self-discipline.

The state-of-the-art UoRM campus located at EduCity, Iskandar Puteri

The campus at UoRM has excellent facilities all conveniently under one roof.

With its interactive approach, UoRM is well-prepared to support students with high-quality teaching and learning whether on-campus, virtual or through a blended model. UoRM benefits from the same advanced digital learning tools available on the UK campus and also have round-the-clock access to the university's digital library.

Flexible option to study in the UK

UoRM students can take advantage of the flexible mobility options which allows them to start their studies in Malaysia but transfer to the Reading UK campus to complete their studies later on.

This may appeal particularly to parents who wish to send their children for study in the UK but are concerned about travel restrictions and health and safety in the current pandemic situation.

The main Whiteknights campus in Reading UK is set on 130ha of beautiful parkland and has won the Green Flag award 10 times in a row, making it one of the UK's best green spaces. The campus has everything a student could need. A virtual tour of the UK campus is available at *https://www.reading.ac.uk/virtual-experience/*

Furthermore, Reading town is conveniently a mere 25-minute train ride from London, making it ideal for students seeking to make the most of their time in the UK.

Admissions

Students with A-Level results can apply for direct entry to undergraduate degree courses in the upcoming September intake.

Students with IGCSE results can apply to join the upcoming September intake for the 12-month International Foundation Programme (IFP) which will progress to their preferred undergraduate degree.

Students may be eligible for the High Achievers Scholarship worth up to RM33,840 based on academic results. Students and parents are advised to contact the university as soon as possible to take advantage of any available early bird incentives.

■ For more details, log on to *www.reading.edu.my*. You can also follow UoRM on social media at *https://www.facebook.com/universityofreadingmalaysia* and *https://www.instagram.com/uniofreadingmalaysia/*

For a one-on-one consultation, call or WhatsApp Kristinah at 016-206 4012 or Nishen 016-218 4012. You may also email my.enquiry@reading.edu.my

UoRM is located at Educity 79200 Iskandar Puteri Johor, Malaysia.

On 19 August 2021, VERITAS' project Reading University Malaysia was featured in the Star Newspaper. The advertorial emphasized the wide range of facilities of this new campus in Malaysia. The university provides opportunity for students to obtain a prestigious UK degree at a lower cost.

University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM) comprises of North and South 4-storey blocks with a "Heartspace" spanning in between. The design is based on the "Reading Experience" concept of grouping the departments around a central courtyard and blurring the edges of internal and external space. UoRM was designed by VERITAS in collaboration with Scott Browning Architects of UK.

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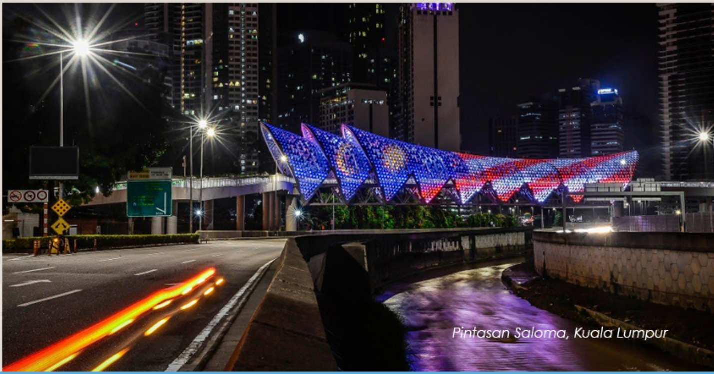
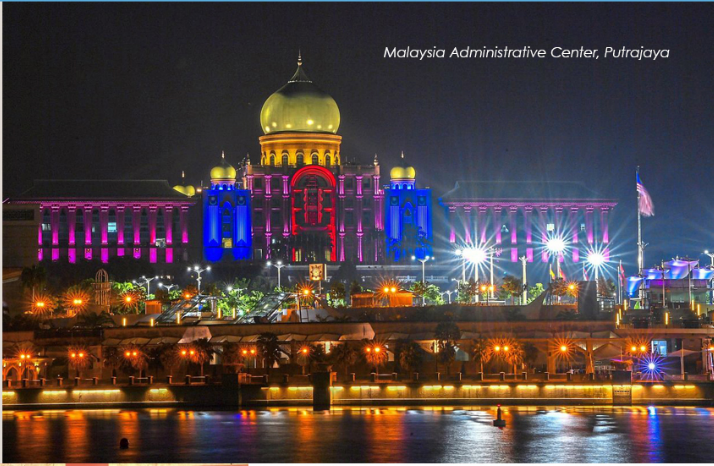
All Lit Up For Merdeka Celebration

There may not be a National Day parade this year, but the lights will still shine bright in Malaysia's administrative capital. Its famous landmarks – like the Perdana Putra building, Seri Wawasan and Seri Saujana bridges and the Putrajaya Lake fountain have been illuminated at night in blue, yellow and red – the colours of the Malaysia flag – in celebration of the country's 64th National Day on August 31. This has been the scene every night from 7pm to midnight since Aug 7 and will remain till Malaysia Day on Sept 16.

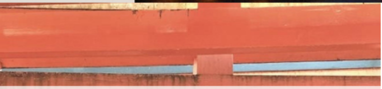


Pintasan Saloma, Kuala Lumpur

VERITAS' project Saloma Link will also be illuminated with the colors of Malaysia flag. The Saloma Link is a 68 meters long pedestrian bridge between Lorong Raja Muda Musa in Kampung Baru and Jalan Saloma across the six-lane Ampang-Kuala Lumpur Elevated Highway (Akleh). The link lights up like an elongated beacon when night falls, its shell covered in LED lights that cycle through the color spectrum in prints and patterns of Malaysia's national flag.



Malaysia Administrative Center, Putrajaya



Our staff of the month for August is VERITASian Low Joo Yin, or commonly known as "Joo Yin"

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Staff Of The Month

among her colleagues and friends. Joo Yin is currently a Project Architect based in VERITAS Architects KL. Joo Yin shared her personal story with Komathi Ramakrishna (KR):

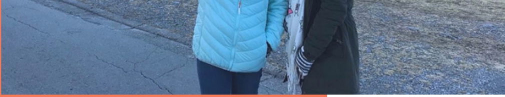
If you could pick one theme for VERITAS to turn into a book about the company, what would it be?
Perseverance. Perseverance might not be the coolest or most exciting trait as I know some would rather use the word "quality" and "creativity" as a theme. One would need persistence, and perseverance, to allow oneself to achieve the end goal despite the obstacles along the way that could derail the situation. Even during tough times, we should persevere our way up to the top.

What has been your favorite project at VERITAS?
I could not pick a favorite but I certainly have the most memorable project in mind; the Kuala Lumpur Railway Station Refurbishment. It was my very first project when I joined VERITAS. The conservation strategy seeks not only to bring back the glory of the old building but also to restore life back into the majestic building. Although this project was not developed further, it was definitely one of the most interesting projects I have been involved with during my career in VERITAS.

How has VERITAS helped you in your career development?
I was fortunate enough to join VERITAS where we have a group of likeminded people, sharing the same thoughts and interests while collectively we would aim towards achieving a similar end goal. Along the way, the establishment of knowledge transfer through mentoring or job shadowing definitely helped to fuel my career growth in VERITAS.

What is on your wish list for the next 10 years with VERITAS?
I welcome the idea of having hybrid schedules with the option of remote work as the norm. Setting up people to work from home should become one of the main

priorities for us, which means providing access to technology, broadband, laptop and ergonomic furniture. I believe this may lead to establishing trust in a different way and creating a deeper connection between co-workers in which will allow diversity at work.



If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be?

If I get to do another job for one day, I would be a barista or a chic bookstore style cafe owner. I love the ambient and the idea of a bookstore cafe. I would love to spend my day just preparing coffee for my customers while simply managing the book store. Of course, during free time I will also emerge myself in my favorite book corner :)

Tell us three things that most people don't know about you.

I used to be a Philharmonic Orchestra Band Conductor. We played in most of the major school events and competed as a Marching Band at national level. Secondly, I used to practice Kendo during my university years. It trained me to become a more resilient and tough character. Lastly, I simply detest horror movies! After watching the Curse of Chucky, I remembered that I would leave the lights on throughout the night for an entire month.

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Who's Celebrating Their Birthday – August (Tribe A)

VERITAS ARCHITECTS SDN. BHD. (KUALA LUMPUR)

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Newcomers

Jesslyn Loi
Architect
(VAKL)

Shuwarnaa Ruba
Senior HR & Admin Executive
(VAKL)

Abdullah Muslim
Assistant Town Planner
(VPSB)

Muhammad Zulkarnaen Mohd Zaine
Intern (VLSB)

Mohammad Amirul
Intern (VLSB)

Nur Syafiqah Hafizol
Intern (VLSB)

Bundle Of Joy

Congratulations to VERITASian Syed Badrul Hisyam Syed Ab. Aziz and his spouse Syarifah Sakinah Syed Hashim on the arrival of their new baby girl Syarifah Arissa Qaisara Syed Badrul Hisyam on the 7th August 2021.

Less is only more where more is no good.

–Frank Lloyd Wright

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