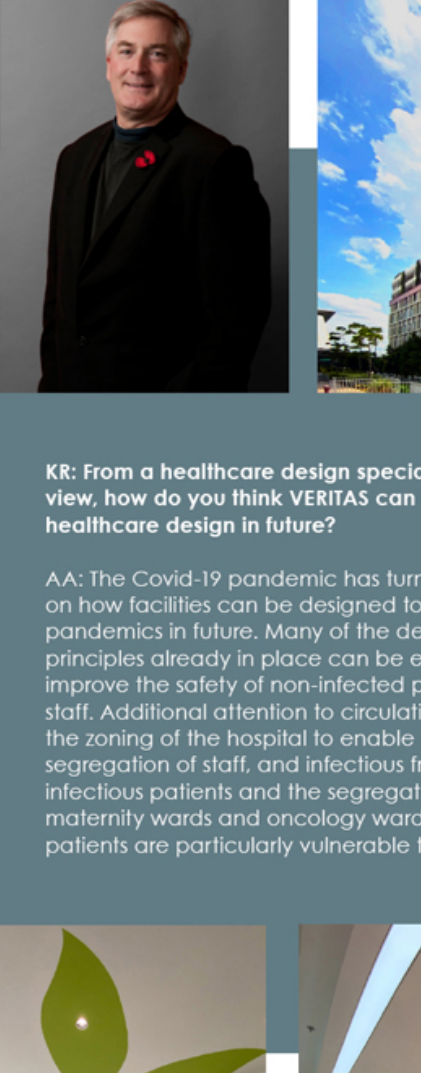


In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature one of our recently completed healthcare projects, **Thomson Hospital** at Kota Damansara, Selangor. We shall also feature other interesting happenings here at VERITAS such as the lion dance that was held in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Celebrations.

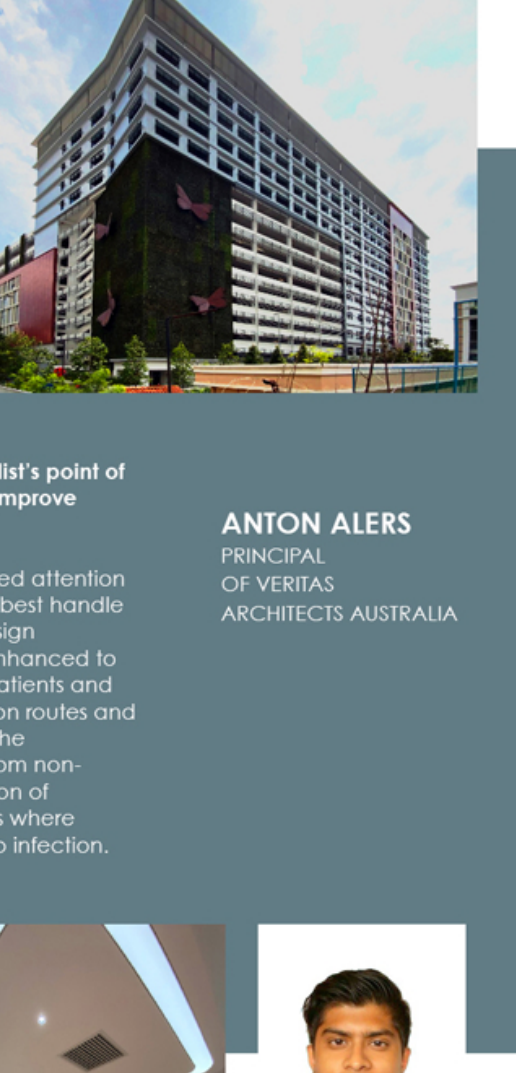
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**THOMSON HOSPITAL, KOTA DAMANSARA**

VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur, VERITAS Interiors and VERITAS Landscape collaborated with VERITAS Architects Australia to design the expansion of the existing Thomson Hospital, to cater for the growth of the hospital and provide a greater range of specialist's services.



The expansion programme accommodates four main components - specialist clinics, a retail outlet, hospital ward accommodation and car parking for both the retail and hospital. The new design significantly develops the existing clinical services, increases inpatient capacity and critical care facilities from 200 to 400 beds and doubles the number of operating theatres. The new wing also caters for centres of excellence for Cardiac Services and Catheterisation, Endoscopy, Chemotherapy, Women's and Men's Health, Rehabilitation and Wellness department.



*The site for the new addition is highly visible and the proposed development takes advantage of this by creating a frontage to the retail and specialist clinic podium facing this aspect. Pedestrian access from the adjoining educational campuses, residential precincts, MRT station is also provided.*

**KOMIRVI RAMAKRISHNA INTERVIEWS THE DESIGN TEAM FOR THE THOMSON HOSPITAL**

**KR: From a healthcare design specialist's point of view, how do you think VERITAS can improve healthcare design in future?**

**AA:** The Covid-19 pandemic has turned attention on how facilities can be designed to best handle pandemics in future. Many of the design principles already in place can be enhanced to improve the safety of non-infected patients and staff. Additional attention to circulation routes and the zoning of the hospital to enable the segregation of staff, and infectious from non-infectious patients and the segregation of maternity wards and oncology wards where patients are particularly vulnerable to infection.

**ANTON ALERS**  
PRINCIPAL OF VERITAS ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA

A contemporary rectilinear approach is adopted to create a landmark destination and to express the progressive values of the hospital. Efficient space planning has been applied to ensure a cost-effective design solution which also provides flexibility to cater for future medical services.

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*"Good hospital design delivers solutions that allow patients to feel comfortable and heal faster as well as healthcare staff to perform efficiently"*



**KR: Tell me about the interior design of Thomson Hospital**

**NV:** We designed an extremely efficient facility to provide the staff and patient experience, and patient care. The interior theme is inspired by the elements of nature which consist of eg. greenery, water, and earth. Natural elements in the spaces provide a refreshing experience throughout recovery. Each different floor is represented with ranges of fresh tone colors, as well as usage of low maintenance materials finishes and organic shapes for designers and provide ergonomic furniture design selections.

**ZANIMAN SULONG SENIOR ARCHITECT OF VERITAS ARCHITECTS KUALA LUMPUR**

**KR: Do you see any changes in the design of hospitals related to the pandemic?**

**ZS:** Definitely, there has been a strong focus on rapidly convertible design solutions, which will allow health facilities to provide care whether there is a pandemic or not. The COVID-19 pandemic has tested our design theories and interpretations. It has challenged those foundational design principles we typically set at the onset of any health infrastructure project. Throughout the pandemic, we have witnessed health systems globally struggle to cope, although some more so than others.

**MAHADI KATANG**  
ASSOCIATE OF VERITAS LANDSCAPE

*"Great hospital landscape design includes peaceful, leafy retreats tucked around your health care campus"*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**AGILE BUKIT BINTANG TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY**



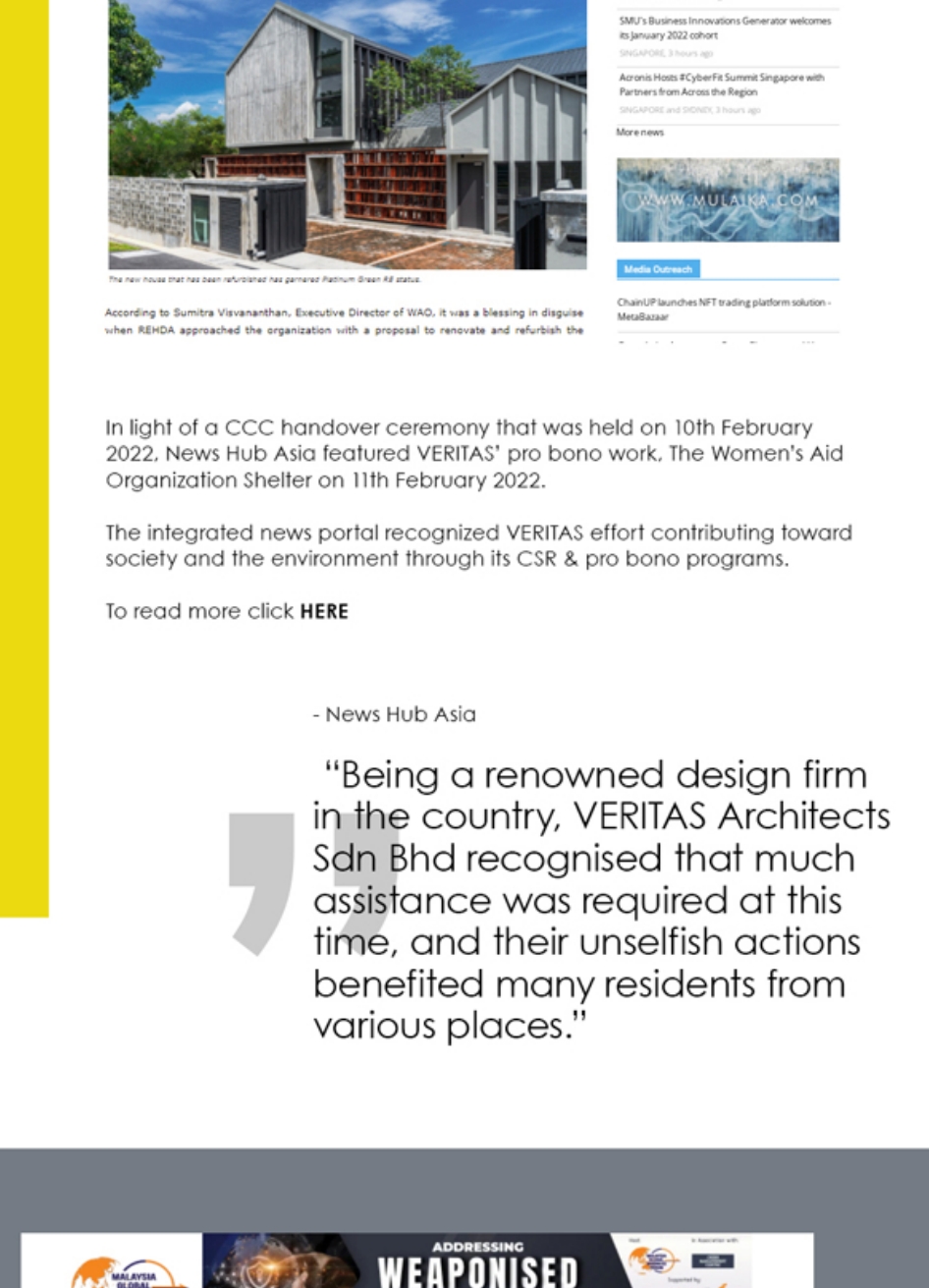
On 28th January 2022, AGILE Group CEO Mr. Chai Keng Wai, COO Ms. Coco Hu, Project Director Mr. Tan Peo Giok, along with VERITAS Group President David Hashim were part of the Agile Bukit Bintang topping-off ceremony.



The Agile Towers are located in the bustling shopping district of Bukit Bintang in Kuala Lumpur and are developed by the Agile Property Group from Hong Kong in partnership with Tropicana, Malaysia. VERITAS is honored to be appointed as Project Architect for this high-end development for which Phase 1 and 2 will be completed in 2022 and Phase 3 in 2024.

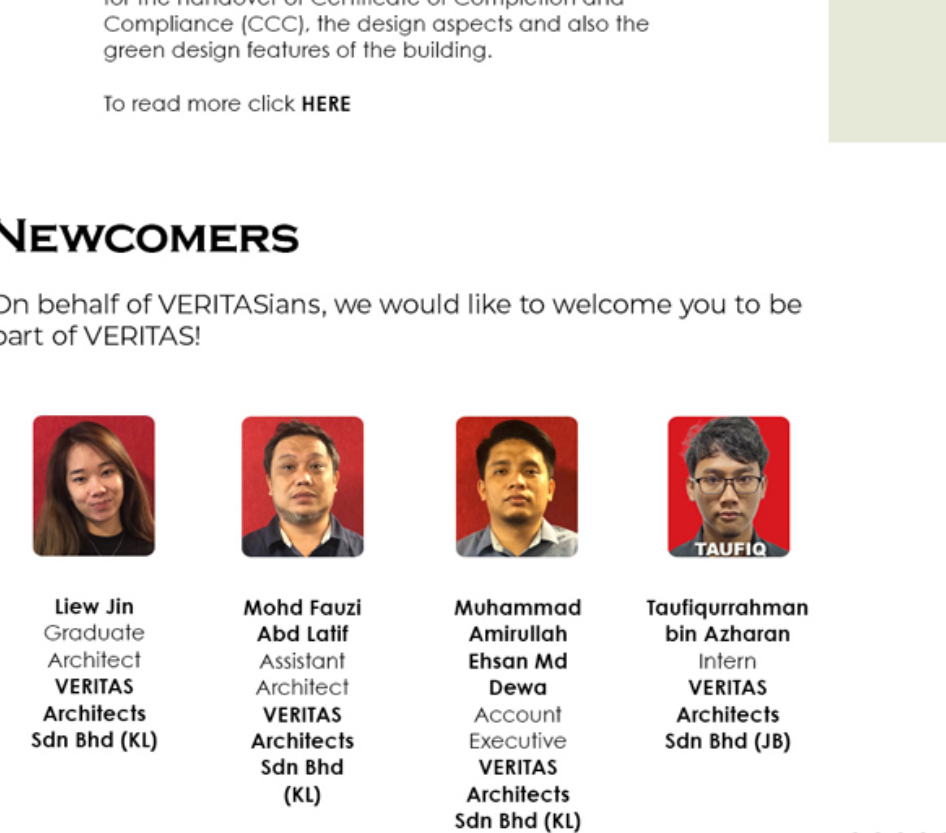
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**Malaysia Strategic Business Summit 8 February 2022**



On 8th February 2022, VERITAS Group President, David Hashim spoke at the Malaysia Strategic Business Summit 2022 organized by the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur. The forum highlighted on opportunities in Construction and Infrastructure. Infrastructure is one of the key investment areas for Malaysian companies engaged in India. David shared VERITAS expertise in rail projects and the session explored how the two nations could collaborate and move forward in the infrastructure and construction space.

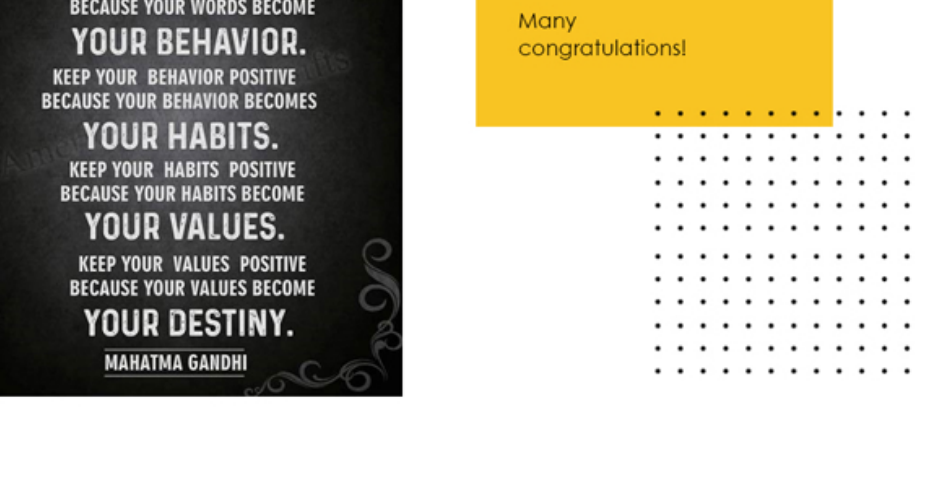
**MALAYSIA STRATEGIC BUSINESS SUMMIT**



In an event held at VERITAS Design Group headquarters (Wangsa 118) on 10th February 2022, VERITAS hosted a ceremony for the handover of Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) to the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) Youth - WAO. This is to mark the completion and handover of the WAO shelter home, which was designed by VERITAS. The heart and soul of this pro-bono project is the collaborative effort between the personnel of VERITAS, REHDA and WAO who gave their time and expertise for the past 5 years.

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**WOMEN'S AID ORGANISATION (WAO) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND COMPLIANCE (CCC) CEREMONY**



**KOMPLEKS PEJABAT DAMANSARA (KPD) SITE VISIT**



On 12th February 2022 VERITAS organized a site visit for the staff to a recently completed project: KPD Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur. The project is expected to be fully occupied by April 2022. The site visit reflects the project's Associate Miguel Robles.

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**VERITAS USHERS IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER 2022**

VERITAS Design Group held a lion dance on 15th February to celebrate the year of the Tiger! VERITASians were entertained with a splendid "Lion Dance" performance accompanied with the festive cheerfulness of gongs, cymbals and drums. The VERITASians led by our Group President, David Hashim and Vice President, Libian Ian also held a Yee Sang tossing ceremony with wishes of success, health, wealth and happiness.



The celebration was followed by lunch, lucky draws, and best-dressed male and female awards. Congratulations again to the lucky winners!

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In this Year of the Tiger

*"let us put our trust in the magic of new beginnings and together, let us all give out a deafening 'Roar' to all naysayers."*

**WHERE WE ARE FEATURED? NEWS ASIA HUB**



VERITAS, REHDA Youth and WAO bring a new home for abused kids, a new era of safety

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- News Hub Asia

*"Being a renowned design firm in the country, VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd recognised that much assistance was required at this time, and their unselfish actions benefited many residents from various places."*

**WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - FEBRUARY**

- Rosellinda Razak 1st
- Mohd Iskandar Ali 2nd
- Puanletwary Anjakagan 2nd
- Khairul Anwar hij Othman 6th
- Rahimi Ramli 11th
- Misamudin Muda 15th
- Foong Lye Qwan 16th
- Ahmad Safwan Abdul Rahim 23th
- Leong Bee Ann 14th
- Mohd Rafiquddin bin Jasman 2nd
- Thing Kai Ren (Renny) 5th
- Tabitha Nyaying 24th Feb

On 22nd January 2022, our VERITAS Johor Architect, Mohamed Nadzeem bin Abdullah and his spouse Irma Imani Zairul Abidin welcomed a baby boy Mohamed Umayy bin Mohamed Umarzeem.

Congratulations!

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MARATHA GANDHI

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**NEWCOMERS**

On behalf of VERITASians, we would like to welcome you to be part of VERITAS!

- Liew Jin**  
Graduate Architect  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)
- Mohd Fauzi**  
Abdul Latif Assistant  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)
- Muhammad Amrullah Ehsan Md**  
Account Executive  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (KL)
- Taufiqrahman bin Azharan**  
Intern  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (JB)
- TRISTAN**
- Tan Yong Quan (Tiston)**  
Intern  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (JB)
- Thing Kai Ren (Renny)**  
Architect  
VERITAS Architects Sdn Bhd (JB)
- Mohamad Fais Ismail**  
Assistant Town Planner  
VERITAS Planning

**BUNDLE OF JOY!**

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