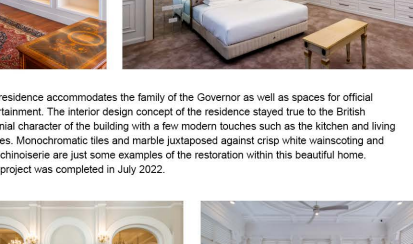


GREETINGS to all our Readers!!

In this month's E-news, we are pleased to feature three exciting projects by VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd: the Seri Mutiara Governor's Residence in Georgetown, the Thomson Hospital's KOTA DAMANSARA in Selangor and the Johor Bahru Court Complex in Johor.

Professional interior design services have always been an important component of the VERITAS Group's portfolio of work, and we are committed to continually improving and expanding our expertise in this important aspect of the internal built environment.

Also, we would like to share with you VERITAS Study Trip to Jakarta, Indonesia and other interesting happenings at VERITAS. We hope you will 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.



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VERITAS INTERIORS SDN BHD

Innovative interior design has always been an important part of the VERITAS brand.

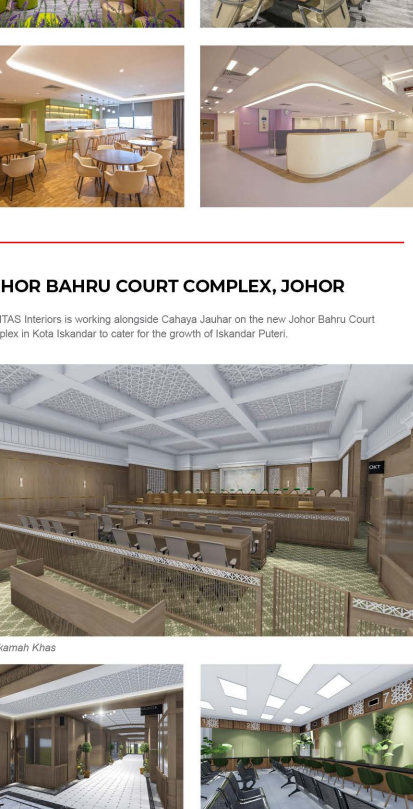


The earliest independent business unit within the VERITAS Design Group was VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd, launched in 1990 under the able leadership of Principal Shamsuddin Wahap, and it continues today to be an important component of the interior design profession in Malaysia.

With over 20 personnel backed-up by Associate Bianca Purkis, VERITAS Interiors has won many awards over the years and promises to achieve many great milestones in the future.

THE GOVERNOR OF PENANG'S RESIDENCE - SERI MUTIARA

VERITAS Interiors and VERITAS Architects Penang collaborated with JKR Penang to restore and upgrade the Residence of the Governor of Penang, an important heritage building on the island.



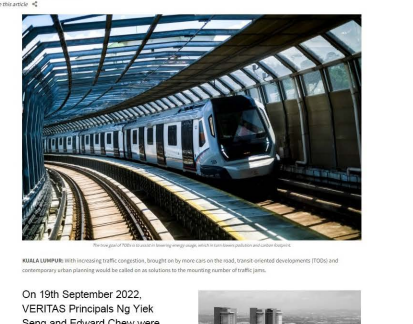
The history of Seri Mutiara, as the building is known, dates back to 1888, when a decision was made to build the official residence of the Resident Councillor of Penang on the site in front of the Polo Grounds in Georgetown. Seri Mutiara was at the time known as the Residency and the grounds surrounding it today are immaculately kept. It is also home to several very interesting trees, forming a mini botanic garden which, unfortunately, is not open to the public.

The residence accommodates the family of the Governor as well as spaces for official entertainment. The interior design concept of the residence stayed true to the British Colonial character of the building with a few modern touches such as the kitchen and living spaces. Monochromatic tiles and marble juxtaposed against crisp white wainscoting and gold chinoiserie are just some examples of the restoration within this beautiful home. This project was completed in July 2022.

Bianca Purkis
Associate of VERITAS Interiors

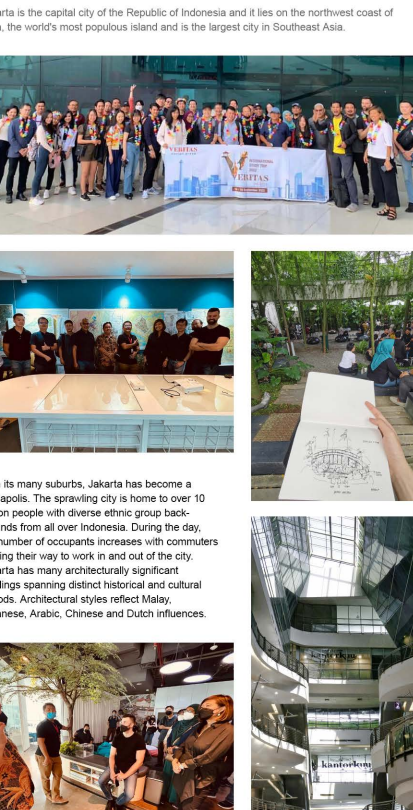
KR: What was it like, working on this amazing heritage project for the Seri Mutiara Governor's Residence?

BP: Working on the Seri Mutiara project was a great privilege, meeting and discussing with the Governor and his family. It was interesting to learn about the limitations and constraints set by the Heritage Institute that protects the culture and heritage of the building. Being able to elevate spaces with built-in cabinetry, wainscoting and chinoiserie was a refreshing experience as we are mostly designing for the modern contemporary client.



THOMSON HOSPITAL, KOTA DAMANSARA

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



The expansion program accommodates four main components – specialist clinics, a retail outlet, hospital ward 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.

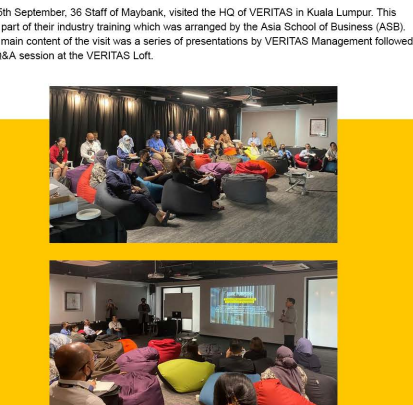
The new wing also caters for centers of excellence for Cardiac Services and Catheterization, Endoscopy, Obstetrics, Women's and Men's Health, Rehabilitation and Wellness department. The interior design work for Thomson Hospital was completed in February 2022.

Navinesh Vasanthan
Interior Designer of VERITAS Interiors

KR: Tell me about the interior design strategy for Thomson

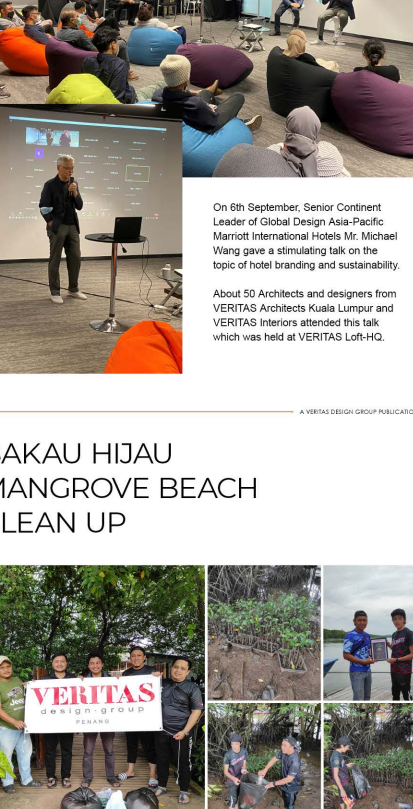
NV: We designed an extremely efficient facility to improve the staff and patient experience, and patient care. The interior theme is inspired by the elements of nature which consist of eg. greenery, water, and earth. Natural elements in the spaces provide a refreshing experience throughout recovery.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

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



JOHOR BAHRU COURT COMPLEX, JOHOR

VERITAS Interiors is working alongside Cahaya Jauhar on the new Johor Bahru Court Complex in Kota Iskandar to cater for the growth of Iskandar Puteri.



The complex accommodates court rooms, government offices, with additional services such as cafeteria, nursery, auditorium and a multipurpose hall. The interior design of the building highlights traditional Johor architecture and culture infused with modern concepts. A strong sense of British heritage design, use of decorative motif panels, timber cladding, marble surfaces and hints of biophilia permeates the design character. This project will be completed by January 2023.

Jimmy Othman
Senior Designer of VERITAS Interiors

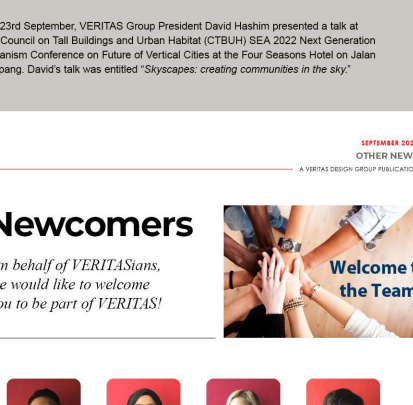
KR: Did you have any constraints working on this Johor Bahru Court Complex project?

JO: The JBCC project is still in its early stages yet there aren't many constraints just yet however we are designing the largest "special court" in Malaysia which comes with additional requirements and constraints in the design and logistics of the space.



THE STAR NEWSPAPER

Planning For Future-Forward Transportation



On 19th September 2022, VERITAS Principals Ng Yiek Seng and Edward Chew were featured in an article entitled "Planning for future-forward transportation".

The article featured VERITAS as one of the region's leading transportation planners/designers and which have been responsible for the design of state-of-the-art transportation infrastructure for heavy and light rail systems.

No further development that Transit Oriented Design (TOD) is another area in which VERITAS has developed unique competency. These projects integrate high-density mixed-use development with multi-modal mass transit system to achieve a truly sustainable urban design solution for the modern metropolis.

STUDY TRIP - THREE DAYS IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Jakarta is the capital city of the Republic of Indonesia and it lies on the northwest coast of Java, the world's most populous island and is the largest city in Southeast Asia.

With its many suburbs, Jakarta has become a Megacities. The sprawling city is home to over 10 million people with diverse ethnic group backgrounds from all over Indonesia. During the day, the number of occupants increases with commuters making their way to work in and out of the city. Jakarta has many architecturally significant buildings spanning distinct historical and cultural periods. Architectural styles reflect Malay, Javanese, Arabic, Chinese and Dutch influences.

Study Trip

On 15th - 18th September, about 40 architects and designers from VERITAS enjoyed a 4-day study trip to Jakarta. The program was filled with visits to public buildings, as well as commercial and residential projects.

Chu Jia Jun (JJJ) shares what he learnt from the trip with Komathi Ramakrishna (KR)

KR: Name the places visited by the architects?

JJ: We were delighted to visit a diverse range of architectural masterpieces in Jakarta in such a compact timeframe (given the notorious Jakarta traffic). Three of them which stroke the most impressions are:

1. AM Residence by Adramatin. The humble approach to the vernacular architecture, materials and way of living (socialising) are the most fascinating.
2. Green Office Park (GOP) and The Breeze BSD. What a gem standing out in the Jakarta cityscape that it reminded me of another neighbouring country across the straits!
3. Urban+ Office. Amazing stories by the two directors of Urban Design about the ups and downs of their journey in developing Indonesia.

KR: I heard that the food is something you should not miss in Jakarta. What would you recommend?

JJ: Nasi Padang certainly is the favourite spiced with slightly richer-than-Malaysian notes. Perfect for the jakartean weather to kick it all out!

KR: What are some of the more iconic buildings in Jakarta?

JJ: Jakarta is not short of iconic tropical buildings but what mesmerize me more strongly are the streetscape, the infrastructure and the city itself. These elements are an inevitable physical manifestations of the local culture, geography and the pace of living, which are so much different to that of ours. We shall appreciate the city in totality and admire the potential its future holds.

KR: What would be your most memorable experience during this trip?

JJ: Witnessing the juxtaposition between the planned urban development and the almost organically-grown squatter in the mega city, at the same time I cannot help but feel empathic about the social hierarchy which powers the city, or even the country, at every economic level. More importantly, I feel motivated about our roles being architects, as omni-designers of the built environment, in making positive impacts to each and every city dweller, democratically.

Overall, it was a useful trip wherein our architects and designers were given the opportunity to expand their perspectives. No doubt, the study trip was an invaluable and fun experience for all.

MAYBANK VISIT TO VERITAS

On 5th September, 36 Staff of Maybank, visited the HQ of VERITAS in Kuala Lumpur. This was part of their industry name which was arranged by the Asia School of Business (ASB). The main content of the visit was a series of presentations by VERITAS Management followed by Q&A session at the VERITAS Loft.

The ASB Executive Education Center's courses are designed to upskill rising professionals with short, accelerated courses. The course content is developed by drawing on the rigor of founding partners – Bank Negara Malaysia and the MIT Sloan School of Business.

EXPLORATIONS IN HOSPITALITY DESIGN

The Marriott Experience by Michael Wang

On 6th September, Senior Continent Leader of Global Design Asia-Pacific Marriott International Hotels Mr. Michael Wang gave a stimulating talk on the topic of hotel branding and sustainability.

About 50 Architects and designers from VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur and VERITAS Interiors attended this talk which was held at VERITAS Loft-HQ.

BAKAU HIJAU MANGROVE BEACH CLEAN UP

On 10th September, staff of VERITAS Architects Penang participated in a mangrove beach cleanup event in Bedong, Kedah organized by the Sungai Pelanai Municipal Council (MSPKC) which was officiated by Mr. Muhammad Faiz Bin Aminudin, Council Member. Almost 100 staff and their families attended the event and engaged in the planting. They also organized other activities like fishing, river cruise, kayaking and crab catching.

Mangroves are an essential part of the ecosystem that naturally protect the land and sea. They also function as a frontline defense for people and property along the coasts. In the wake of the recent disasters and flooding that have hit Malaysia, there is no better time than now to take care of our coastal environment.

COUNCIL ON TALL BUILDINGS AND URBAN HABITAT (CTBUH) SEA 2022 NEXT GENERATION URBANISM CONFERENCE

Southeast Asia has long been an epicenter for vibrant and with-it new rates of development in SEA. SEA has accelerated urbanization of its cities and with-it growth innovations and solutions for sustainable density.

On 23rd September, VERITAS Group President David Hashim presented a talk at the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) SEA 2022 Next Generation Urbanism Conference on Future of SkyScapes: creating communities in the sky.

Newcomers

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

WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY - SEPTEMBER

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 - Aifal Aniff Lakundari Abd Wahab
 - Satriya Nurana Satriyaningrum
 - Mohd Azmin Ibrahim
 - Komathi Ramakrishna
 - Mohd Rizal Adnan
 - Abu Hazreq Abu Hassan
 - Wan Mohd Nizam Wan Abdul Wahab
 - Meor Hermie Mansor
 - Wong Ka Yee
 - Tian Yee Lyn
 - Myriace Marjorie Mahoutin Houssou
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 - Richard Brian Raymond
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 - Chong Voon Chuen
- VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Johor Bahru)**
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 - Mohd Faizal Mohamad Yunus
 - Y Yijaya Kumar
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 - Alida Elyana
 - Alisa Zavanri
- VERITAS Planning Sdn. Bhd.**
 - Fazelyna Rashid
 - Amaaludin Abdullah