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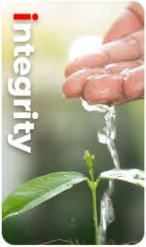

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VERITAS Lecture Series (VLS)

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In this month's VERITAS e-news we are proud to feature the VERITAS Lecture Series (or VLS) with special focus on the recently concluded VLS#15 entitled: ESG for the Built Environment. The lecture series was founded in 2007 as a one-day event that delivers a lecture or series of talks. The main objective of the series is to present useful industry information and unique learning experiences to our Clients about subjects of relevance to the design and property development industry.

Here is a snapshot of the VLS Legacy:

- **INAUGURAL VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 1 in 2007**
  "Branding for Real Estate Developers"
- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 2 in 2008**
  PAM 2006 Contracts
- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 3 in 2009**
  Sustainable Design for Architects
- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 4 in 2010**
  PAM 2006 CONTRACT - Main Changes Affecting

Developers and Consultants.

- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 5 in 2011**
  Property Market Outlook in the Klang Valley

- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 6 in 2012**
  Branding for Developers & Consultants

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- **VERITAS LECTURE SERIES # 7 in 2013**
  Very Tall Buildings

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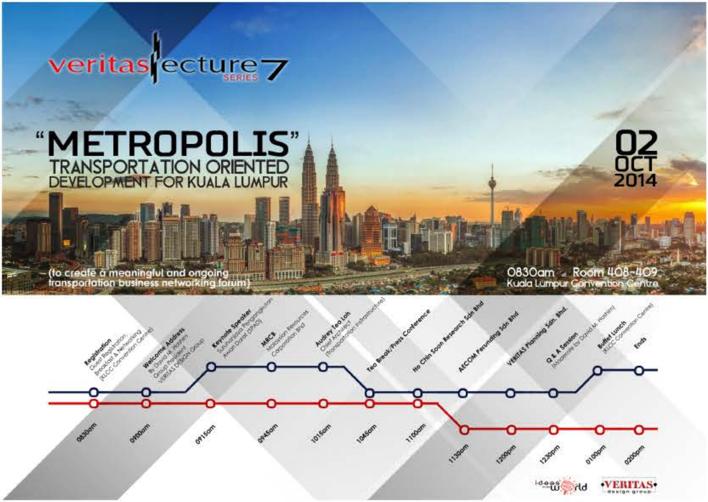
- **VERITAS Lecture Series #08 in 2014**
  Metropolis; Transport Oriented Development (TOD) for Kuala Lumpur



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"METROPOLIS"
TRANSPORTATION ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FOR KUALA LUMPUR

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(to create a meaningful and ongoing transportation business networking forum)

0830am at Room 408-409
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

0830am **Registration** Guest Registration, Breakfast & Networking (KLCC Convention Centre)
0900am **Welcome Address** By David M. Hashim Group President VERITAS DESIGN Group
0915am **Keynote Speaker** Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD)
0945am **MRCB** Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd
1015am **Audrey Teo Loh** Chief Architect (Transportation Infrastructure)
1045am **Tea Break/Press Conference**
1100am **Ho Chin Soon Research Sdn Bhd**
1130am **AECOM Perunding Sdn Bhd**
1200pm **VERITAS Planning Sdn. Bhd.**
1230pm **Q & A Session** (Moderate by David M. Hashim)
0100pm **Buffet Lunch** (KLCC Convention Centre)
0200pm **Ends**

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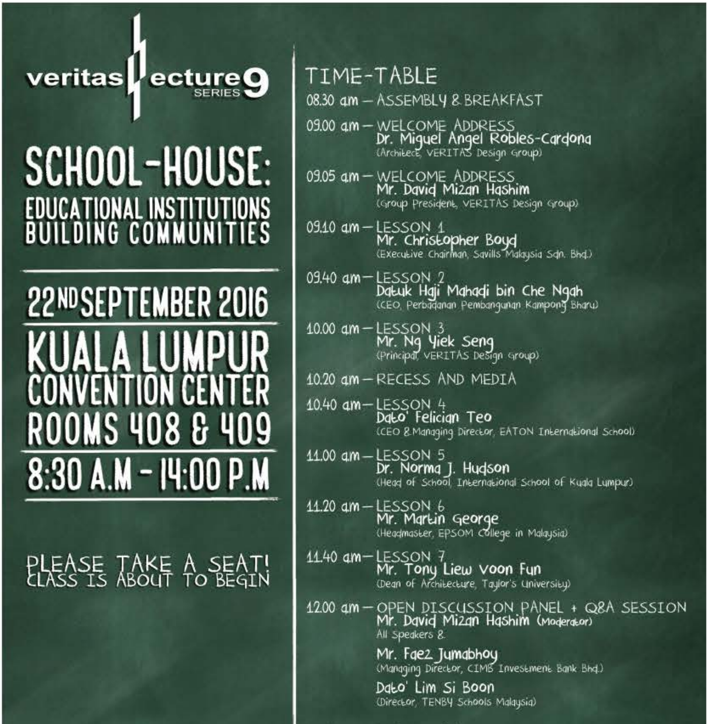
- **VERITAS Lecture Series #09 in 2015**
  Recent Trends in Malaysian Hospitality

- **VERITAS Lecture Series #10 in 2016**
  School House, Educational Institutions – Building Communities



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22ND SEPTEMBER 2016

KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTER
ROOMS 408 & 409

8:30 A.M - 14:00 P.M

PLEASE TAKE A SEAT!
CLASS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

TIME-TABLE

08.30 a.m – ASSEMBLY & BREAKFAST

09.00 a.m – WELCOME ADDRESS
Dr. Miguel Angel Robles-Cardona
(Architect, VERITAS Design Group)

09.05 a.m – WELCOME ADDRESS
Mr. David Mizan Hashim
(Group President, VERITAS Design Group)

09.10 a.m – LESSON 1
Mr. Christopher Boyd
(Executive Chairman, Savills Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.)

09.40 a.m – LESSON 2
Datuk Haji Mahadi bin Che Ngah
(CEO, Perbadanan Pembangunan Kampong Bharu)

10.00 a.m – LESSON 3
Mr. Ng Yiek Seng
(Principal, VERITAS Design Group)

10.20 a.m – RECESS AND MEDIA

10.40 a.m – LESSON 4
Dato' Felician Teo
(CEO & Managing Director, EATON International School)

11.00 a.m – LESSON 5
Dr. Norma J. Hudson
(Head of School, International School of Kuala Lumpur)

11.20 a.m – LESSON 6
Mr. Martin George
(Headmaster, EPSOM College in Malaysia)

11.40 a.m – LESSON 7
Mr. Tony Liew Voon Fun
(Dean of Architecture, Taylor's University)

12.00 a.m – OPEN DISCUSSION PANEL + Q&A SESSION
Mr. David Mizan Hashim (Moderator)
All Speakers &

Mr. Faez Jumabhoy
(Managing Director, CIMB Investment Bank Bhd.)

Dato' Lim Si Boon
(Director, TENBY Schools Malaysia)

12.55 p.m – BEFORE CLASS ENDS...
13.00 p.m – CLASS DISMISS & LUNCH

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- **VERITAS Lecture Series # 11 in 2017**
  Transport Oriented Development; compact and connected city- living

- **VERITAS Lecture Series # 12 in 2018**
  People Property and Place

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- **VERITAS Lecture Series # 13 in 2019**
  FORWARD: Moving Penang into the Future

- **2020 No VLS because of COVID-19**

- **VERITAS Lecture Series # 14 in 2021**
  Mind the Gap

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VERITAS Lecture Series # 15 in 2022:
ESG for the Built Environment

On 19th October 2022, VERITAS successfully hosted its annual VERITAS Lecture Series # 15 entitled ESG for the Built Environment.

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The event was a resounding success with speakers from the real estate sector, construction industry, and environmental bodies coming together to debate practices and policies for creating a better ESG dynamic within Malaysian business operations.

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We heard from Mr. David Mizan Hashim, Group President of VERITAS Design Group, Mr. Girish Ramachandran, CEO of 27 Group Advisory, Ahmad Farrin Mohktar, Senior Manager at the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Mr. Faroze Nadar, Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact for Malaysia and Brunei, Dr. Gary Theseira, Chairperson of Climate Governance Malaysian, Mr. Choong Wai Hong, Chief Transformation Officer of OCBC Bank, Mr. Raymon Ram, Secretary General of Transparency International and Datuk N.K. Tong, President of the Real Estate and the Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA).

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The panel sessions were moderated by David and brought together all panel speakers in the discussion of these vital topics, the conference was well attended with over 200 participants. It anticipates greater adoption of ESG practices within the Malaysian business community.

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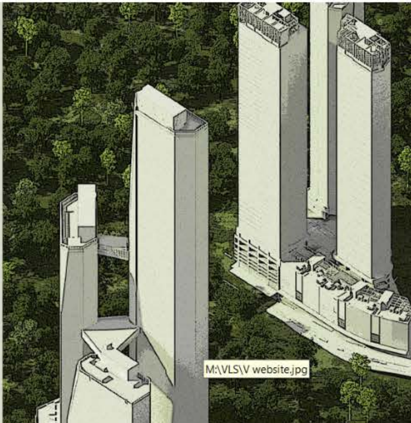
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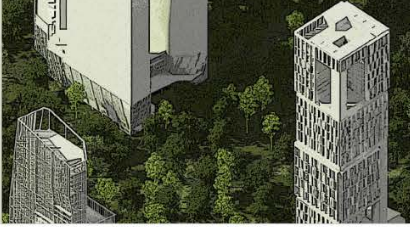

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"A professionally run show. Congratulations!"

Datuk NK Tong
President of the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA)

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"Thanks to VERITAS Design Group for having me as part of their Lecture Series for this year. I truly enjoyed speaking in the TEDx styled format.

Faroze Nadar
Executive Director at UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei

Sr. Ahmad Farrin Mokhtar
Mr. Faroze Nadar
Girish Ramachandra

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INTERVIEWS WITH THE VERITAS LECTURE SERIES 15 PARTICIPANTS

Why did you choose to attend our event and what were you hoping to take away from the seminar?
"Very pertinent topic as most corporations are embarking on the ESG train. The conference gave me a better understanding of certain aspects of ESG, especially regarding the carbon rating tools and measurement techniques."

Ir. Aubrey Michael Shepherdson

Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor (PKNS)

What did you most enjoy about today?

"Excellent and efficient registration procedure; a quick scan and it's done. The seminar room fit the theme, with a view out to greenery that makes you feel like you are in a resort rather than a city hotel. The choice of presenters was very relevant and concise. And of course, the moderator was great at selecting the relevant questions and equally dividing them among the speakers."

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A quick chat with the VLS Organizing Team

Please share your thoughts on the event as a whole.

Chu Jia Jun

Architect and Chairperson of VERITAS Lecture Series # 15 in 2022

As the Chairperson of VLS # 15 2022, I have 3 valuable takeaways:

1) Stakeholders First

Speakers, sponsors, participants, the organising team, external partners, the management, you name it. Navigating the matrix of stakeholders and prioritising any party at any point of time takes tremendous concentration, resolve and the ability to elevate perspective to manage the grand scheme of things. As a result, we believe the lecture series was a great success and all stakeholders took home valuable knowledge and inspiration.

2) Assemble A Great Team

With the abovementioned complexity, having a great team is essential. Recruit smart, fire fast. Putting the right people, to do the right thing, in the right place, at the right time can help harness our focus and energy to make more important decisions. By so doing, the team can be lean yet move at superior speed and efficiency

3) Be Enterprising

Time and again, curve balls were thrown at us. Always anticipate what can go wrong and do your best to prevent it or turn it around. On the other hand, human resources and capital resources are always scarce. Therefore, we have to plan and execute, with long-term thinking, to ensure everything turns out as planned.

THE VERITAS LECTURE SERIES TEAM

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"The VLS 2022 event this year was a big hit and I'm thankful to have the opportunity to work with such a great team.

Managing sponsorships and liaising with suppliers and vendors was not what I'm familiar with but of course, we managed to pull through the right amount of sponsorship for the event and it wouldn't have been without them."

Jin Liew

Architect and Head of Sponsors for VLS 2022

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR THE ESG ASEAN BUILT ENVIRONMENT TO IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY BY VERITAS DESIGN GROUP AND 27

ADVISORY

VERITAS and 27 Group Advisory has signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the recent VERITAS Lecture Series#15 seminar. The MOU officially signify i.e is a commitment between 27 Group and VERITAS towards providing strategic collaborative services which fully facilitate all ESG related needs for future clients moving forwards.

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David Mizan Hashim
Group President of VERITAS
Design Group, commented

"The collaboration between 27 Group and VERITAS will bring together the core strengths of both organisations. By combining our capabilities under a single strategic alliance, we will be able to deliver comprehensive, end to end SESG (Sustainability and ESG) consulting services to clients in both the

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private sector as well to public sector organisations looking to engage in large scale project development initiatives.”

Girish Ramachandran
Executive Director of 27Advisory Group, further commented on the partnership

“We are very pleased to be working with VERITAS Design Group on this initiative. Our business advisory and project management experience in the built environment sector will now have the added advantage of physical design and engineering combined expertise to deal with ESG. We are particularly excited with the prospect of helping clients to deliver low carbon projects in alignment with Malaysia’s 2050 goals for greater sustainability. “

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NOVO Ampang

On 1st of October 2022, VERITAS Design Group Principal Edward Chew led a group of architects to visit the NOVO Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

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The NOVO Ampang is a 40-storey residential tower located in the exclusive residential/diplomatic neighborhood of Jalan Ampang, directly opposite Gleneagles Hospital and within walking distance of the Great Eastern Mall. This collection of luxuriously stylish studio apartments is designed to appeal to young urbanites and embassy employees working around the City Centre. It comprises of 395 units of one and two-bedroom apartments as well as duplex units with built-up areas ranging from 682sf to 1,776sf.

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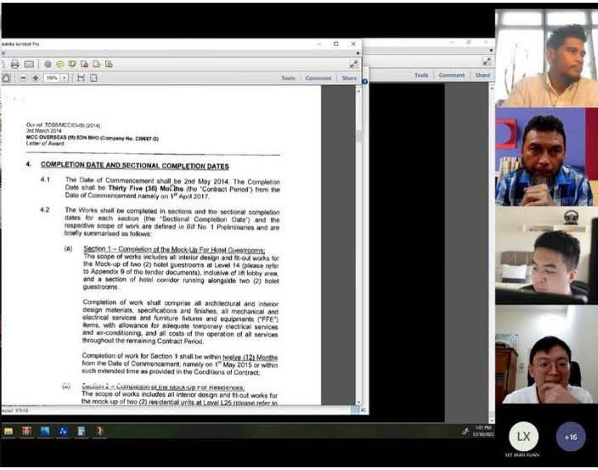

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4. COMPLETION DATE AND SECTIONAL COMPLETION DATES

4.1 The Date of Commencement shall be 2nd May 2014. The Completion Date shall be **Thirty Five (35) Months** (the "Contract Period") from the Date of Commencement namely on 1st April 2017.

4.2 The Works shall be completed in sections and the sectional completion dates for each section (the "Sectional Completion Date") and the respective scope of work are defined in Bill No. 1 Preliminaries and are briefly summarised as follows:

(a) Section 1 – Completion of the Mock-Up For Hotel Guestrooms;
The scope of works includes all interior design and fit-out works for the Mock-up of two (2) hotel guestrooms at Level 14 (please refer to Appendix 9 of the tender documents), inclusive of lift lobby area, and a section of hotel corridor running alongside two (2) hotel guestrooms.

Completion of work shall comprise all architectural and interior design materials, specifications and finishes, all mechanical and electrical services and furniture fixtures and equipments ("FFE") items, with allowance for adequate temporary electrical services and air-conditioning, and all costs of the operation of all services throughout the remaining Contract Period.

Completion of work for Section 1 shall be within twelve (12) Months from the Date of Commencement, namely on 1st May 2015 or within such extended time as provided in the Conditions of Contract;

(b) Section 2 – Completion of the Mock-Up For Residences;
The scope of works includes all interior design and fit-out works for the mock-up of two (2) residential units at Level L25 (please refer to

On 12th of October 2022, VERITAS Design Group Principal Syah Kamaruddin gave a talk to a Year 2 Masters program cohort via zoom at Taylor's University on the subject of Contract Administration. This was part of their final year Professional Practice subject matter.

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THE A.C.T. NOW CONFERENCE

On 18th October 2022, VERITAS Environment Principal Kenny Wong was part of a panel session at the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce Berhad (BMCC) conference called the A.C.T. Now Conference, which brought together renowned sustainability practitioners and stakeholders to present transformational initiatives and actionable solutions.

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Kenny spoke about exploring various ways the built environment sector can contribute to achieving climate goals. The conference was also attended by H.E. Charles Hay MVO, British High Commissioner to Malaysia, and attracted close to 200 attendees from various industries.

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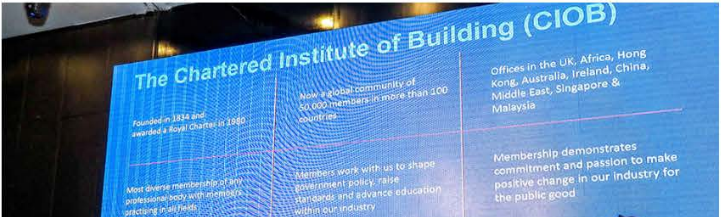

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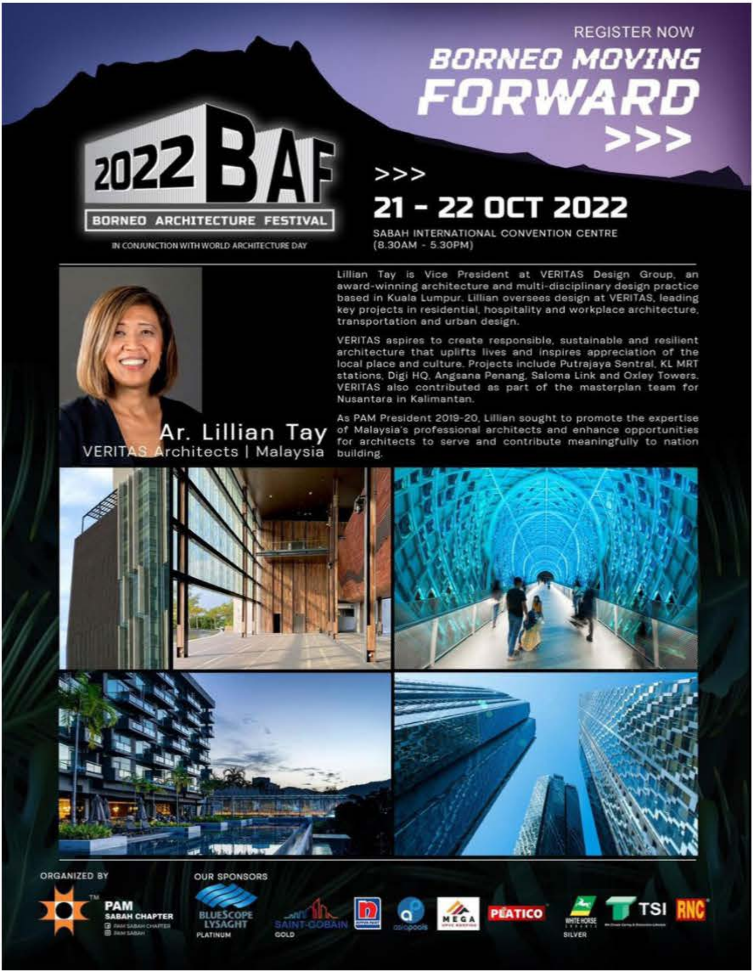
In 2019 VERITAS was selected by the President of Indonesia as co-planner of Nusantara, together with Urban + Consultants of Indonesia.

TALK BY DAVID M. HASHIM AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USA

In that respect, VERITAS Group President David Hashim presented a talk entitled NUSANTARA: the Planning of Indonesia's Smart Capital City at Harvard University, USA on 7th October 2022.

The presentation introduced the President of Indonesia's vision and impetus for the relocation of the capital city from Jakarta to East Kalimantan. The competition-stage conceptual masterplan with a special focus on "smart-city" attributes of the scheme was presented in detail and the developed stage of the master plan and the status of the project on-site were updated. The presentation concluded with architectural design proposals by VERITAS for two of the administrative components: The Palace of Justice and the Legislative Assembly.



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(8.30AM - 5.30PM)

Ar. Lillian Tay
VERITAS Architects | Malaysia

Lillian Tay is Vice President at VERITAS Design Group, an award-winning architecture and multi-disciplinary design practice based in Kuala Lumpur. Lillian oversees design at VERITAS, leading key projects in residential, hospitality and workplace architecture, transportation and urban design.

VERITAS aspires to create responsible, sustainable and resilient architecture that uplifts lives and inspires appreciation of the local place and culture. Projects include Putrajaya Sentral, KL MRT stations, Digi HQ, Angsana Penang, Saloma Link and Oxley Towers. VERITAS also contributed as part of the masterplan team for Nusantara in Kalimantan.

As PAM President 2019-20, Lillian sought to promote the expertise of Malaysia's professional architects and enhance opportunities for architects to serve and contribute meaningfully to nation building.

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BORNEO ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL 2022 (BAF 2022),

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Lillian Tay, Vice President of VERITAS Design Group was the guest of honor and the keynote speaker for this prestigious event. The title of her talk was Beyond the Project: Building Better Cities and it highlighted VERITAS' commitment to provide or improve the quality of urban spaces, connectivity, human interactions, sustainability, and a sense of identity and place.

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The theme for the Borneo Architecture Festival this year was: *"BORNEO MOVING FORWARD."* The topics discussed were related to Tropical Architecture, Eco-Tourism, CSR/Voluntary Projects, Green Technologies, Eco Friendly, Health, and Sustainability. The focus was also on the importance of the protection and preservation of cultural and national heritage and building regulations and government policy related to modernization and urbanization.

The Borneo Architecture Festival 2022 was held at the Sabah International Convention Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah from 21 to 22 October 2022.

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Newcomers

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

Welcome to the Team!

Ahmad Syahir
Graduate Architect
@ VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

Regine Po Vern
Graduate Architect
@ VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

Tan Zi Ling
Assistant Architect
@ VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

Law Zhe Han
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Chu Shi Von
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Tan Li Ye (Zoe)
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Shronniya Dev Ramesh
Assistant Architect
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Ku Nor Izzah Atirah
Intern
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Sharifah Nor Aliah
Intern
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Nur ‘Aisyah
Intern
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Who's Celebrating Their Birthday - October

- Lillian Tay
- Nur Amalina Ahmad Taufik
- Abdul Rahman Mat Ali
- Pappathi Munisamy
- Muhammad Fazdli Abd Aziz
- Hasmartina Salleh Celestial
- Wong Jia Xin
- Regine Po Vern
- Mazliyani Alang
- Muhammad Izhar Lutfi Bin Amran

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