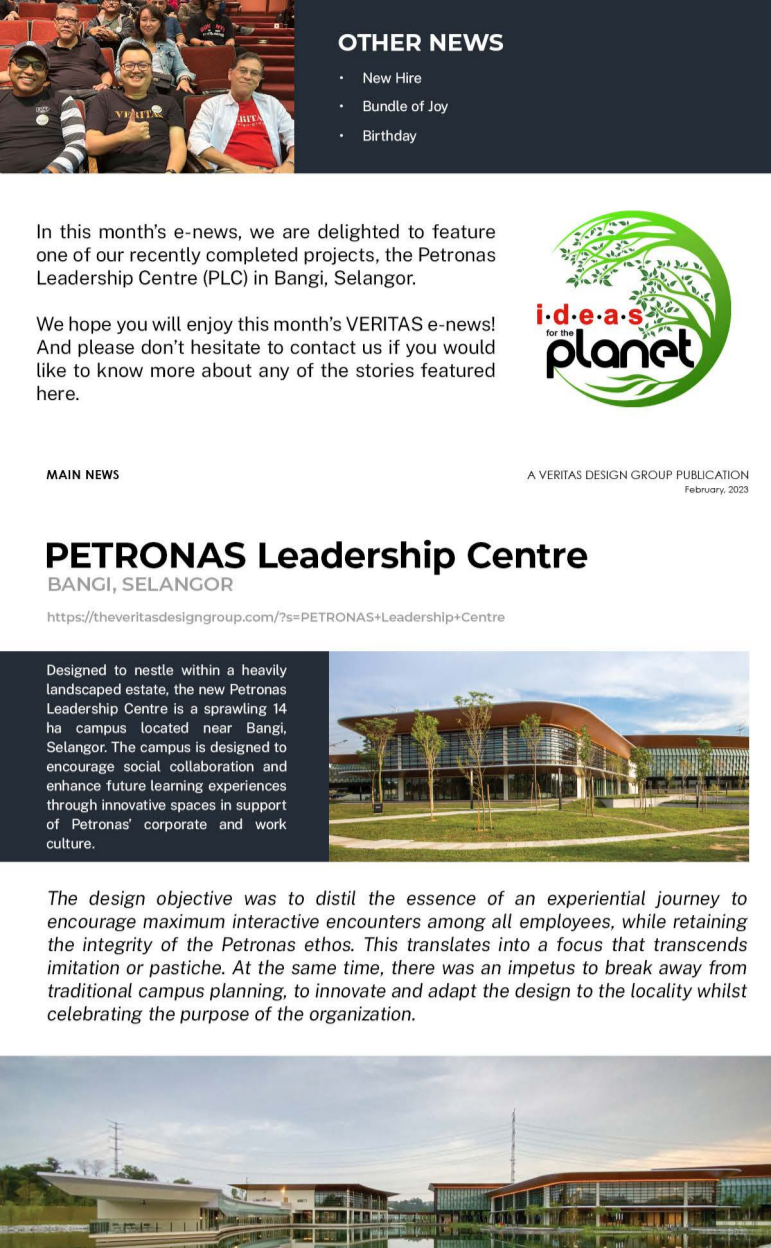


PETRONAS Leadership Centre
Bangi, Selangor

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Greetings to all our readers!



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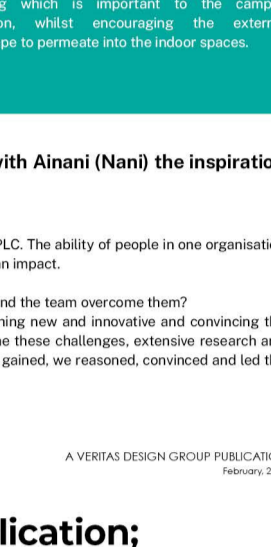
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In this month's e-news, we are delighted to feature one of our recently completed projects, the Petronas Leadership Centre (PLC) in Bangi, Selangor.

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.

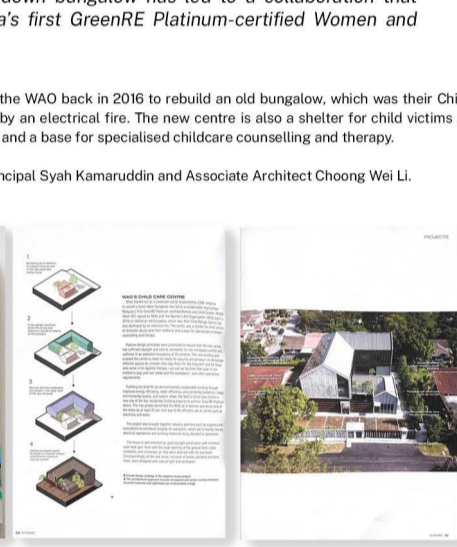


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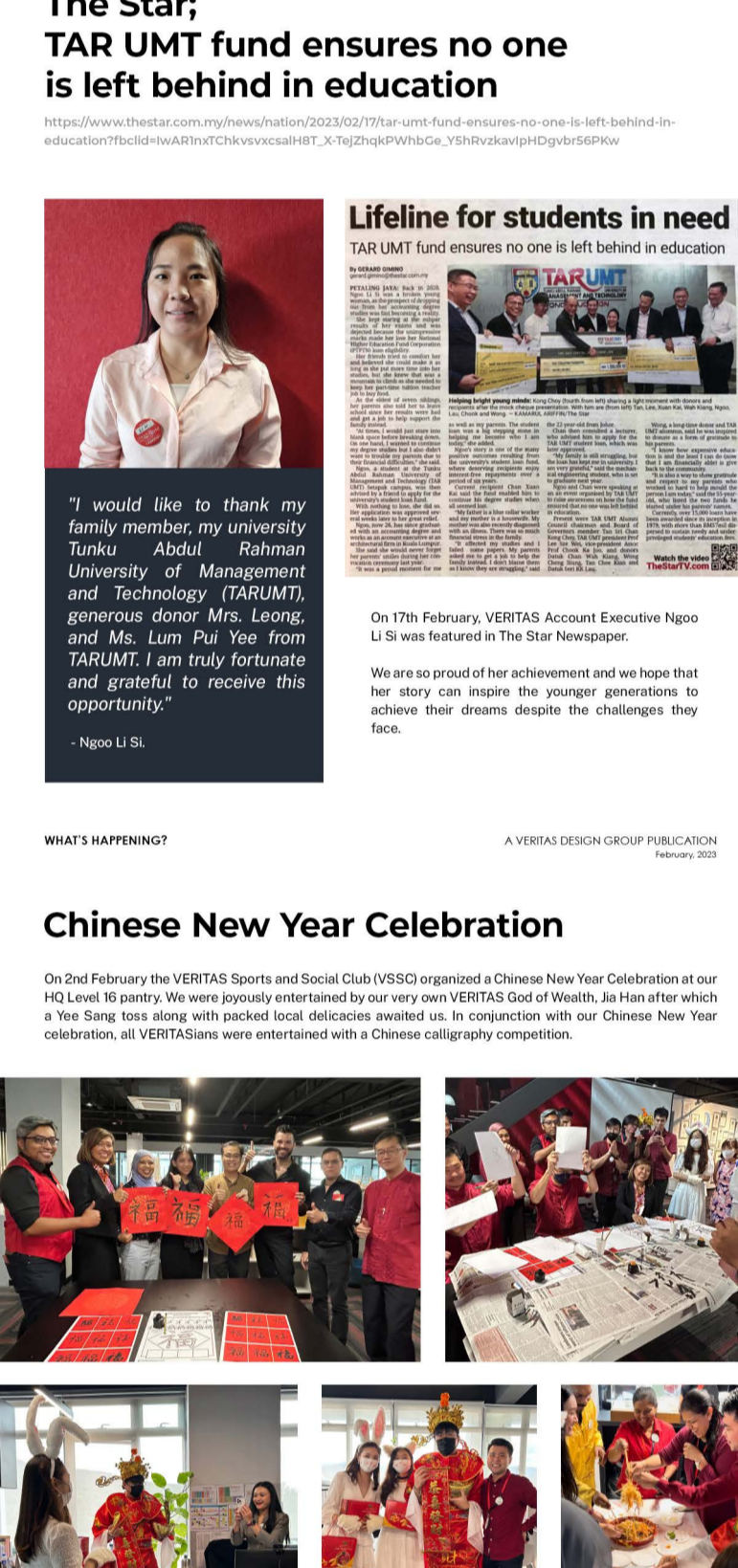
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Designed to nestle within a heavily landscaped estate, the new Petronas Leadership Centre is a sprawling 14 ha campus located near Bangi, Selangor. The campus is designed to encourage social collaboration and enhance future learning experiences through innovative spaces in support of Petronas' corporate and work culture.



The design objective was to distil the essence of an experiential journey to encourage maximum interactive encounters among all employees, while retaining the integrity of the Petronas ethos. This translates into a focus that transcends imitation or pastiche. At the same time, there was an impetus to break away from traditional campus planning, to innovate and adapt the design to the locality whilst celebrating the purpose of the organization.



The Client for the project was Petronas Nasional, and it was completed in 2022.

The form of the 45,000 sm campus is a curved central pedestrian spine that becomes a main infrastructure focus and which links all building components. Class rooms and accommodation blocks are thus interweaved closely to create social cohesion. Spaces are physically connected via crossing pedestrian bridges adjoining classrooms, guest rooms and public spaces to allow seamless visual interaction and connectedness to all parts of the program.

The cascading building form, responding directly to the project's physical demands, introduces a new skyline to the existing flat greenfield site. The campus is designed to nestle into nature and embrace a vast manmade lake which offers acoustic and visual buffers.

The overall building form may seem impractical, but is actually derived from logical physical needs of the campus program, with its form sculpted around landscape areas that allow face-to-face interaction, and the central spine curved to create a meaningful visual perspective and a transformational journey. This also allows for various flexibilities to space planning which is important to the campus operation, whilst ensuring the external landscape to permeate into the indoor spaces.

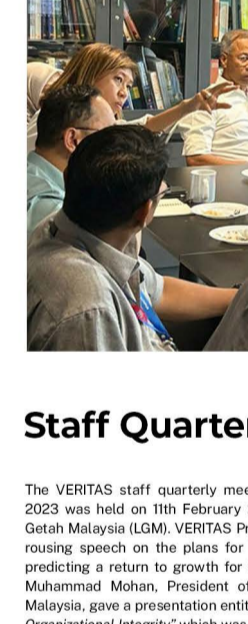
Project Principal Azril Jaafar (AJ) shares with Ainan (Nani) the inspiration and challenges behind the design.

Nani: What inspired you in the design for PLC?
AJ: The fluidity of knowledge inspired me in the design of PLC. The ability of people in one organisation to make changes like water ripples reverberates to make an impact.

Nani: What were some of the challenges and how did you and the team overcome them?
AJ: Among the challenges we faced were creating something new and innovative and convincing the team to execute them according to our vision. To overcome these challenges, extensive research and learning new knowledge were crucial. With the knowledge gained, we reasoned, convinced and led the team in achieving the goal.

Timber Malaysia E-Publication; Beyond Green Buildings

http://mtc.com.my/images/publication/243/Timber_Malaysia_Nov-Dec_2022_Final_1-1.pdf



On 23rd November 2022, VERITAS Design Group Vice President Lilian Tay presented a talk at the Malaysian Timber Council via Zoom.

She spoke intensely on "Beyond Green Buildings" which discussed how green buildings are more than quantitative parameters and certifications.

She further explained that buildings should also focus on qualitative aspects to aspire for a better quality of urban life. The talk was featured in Timber Malaysia E-Publication in the Nov-Dec 2022 publication.



FuturArc Magazine; WAO's Child Care Centre



The Women Aid Organisation's (WAO) Child Care Centre was featured in FuturArc year-end issue 2022 Volume 79.

What started out as a corporate social responsibility initiative to rebuild a burnt-down bungalow has led to a collaboration that birthed Malaysia's first GreenRE Platinum-certified Women and Child Shelter.

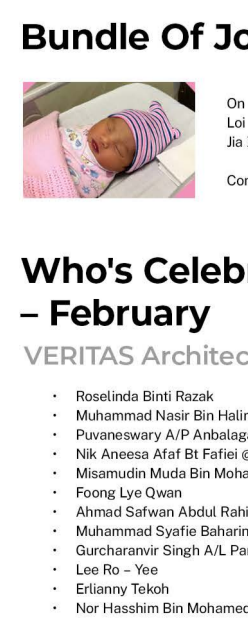
REHDA Youth signed an MOU with the WAO back in 2016 to rebuild an old bungalow, which was their Child Refuge Centre that was destroyed by an electrical fire. The new centre is also a shelter for child victims of domestic abuse (and their mothers) and a base for specialised childcare counselling and therapy.

The project was led by VERITAS Principal Syah Kamaruddin and Associate Architect Choong Wei Li.



The Star; TAR UMT fund ensures no one is left behind in education

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/17/tar-umt-fund-ensures-no-one-is-left-behind-in-education?fbclid=IwAR1mXChkvxcsalHBT_XjZhqkPWhbCe_YShrvzkaivpHDgvbr56PKw



Lifeline for students in need
TAR UMT fund ensures no one is left behind in education



On 17th February, VERITAS Account Executive Ngoo Li Si was featured in The Star Newspaper.

We are so proud of her achievement and we hope that her story can inspire the younger generations to achieve their dreams despite the challenges they face.

Chinese New Year Celebration

On 2nd February the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized a Chinese New Year Celebration at our HQ Level 16 pantry. We were joyously entertained by our very own VERITAS God of Wealth, Jia Han after which a Yee Sang toss along with packed local delicacies awaited us. In conjunction with our Chinese New Year celebration, all VERITASians were entertained with a Chinese calligraphy competition.

Part 3 Architects

On 2nd February, it was a quadruple joy at VERITAS as 4 of our architects from VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur received news of having passed the annual Malaysian board examinations and are now fully qualified professional architects. Congratulations Ar Farah Yusof, Ar Dr Miguel Robles, Ar Michael Tan & Ar Fatim Shazaf At VERITAS, our Principals and Associates guide our architects in terms of Career Development and Skills Enhancement, which prepare them for these professional exams. And thank you to our Clients for challenging us with their complex projects and for giving us the chance to grow together. It is a testament to the VERITAS spirit and learning environment.

We are definitely starting the year on a high note.

Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Visit

On 3rd February, Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur visited the VERITAS HQ. VERITAS President David Hashim and Vice President Lilian Tay hosted the late afternoon brainstorming session with the mayor along with other Principals. The Mayor shared his vision for a future Kuala Lumpur which is low-carbon, pedestrian-friendly and environmentally/ecologically sustainable, and urged VERITAS to support such prerogatives.

Staff Quarterly Meeting

The VERITAS staff quarterly meeting for the first quarter of 2023 was held on 11th February 2023 at Bangunan Lembaga Getah Malaysia (LGM). VERITAS President David Hashim gave a rousing speech on the plans for VERITAS for the year 2023, predicting a return to growth for the group. Following that Dr. Muhammad Mohan, President of Transparency International Malaysia, gave a presentation entitled "Individual Integrity Builds Organizational Integrity" which was well-received.

The meeting continued with updates and plans by the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC), CARE, VFE, and Career Development by their respective leaders for the year 2023.

May VERITASians aim to be resilient yet vigilant, stronger yet empathetic towards each other, selfless yet allocating time for ourselves and our loved ones!

Retirement of Shamsuddin Wahap

During this staff quarterly meeting, a retirement announcement was made by one of the longest serving VERITAS Principals. We are sad to bid farewell to Shamsuddin Wahap who was instrumental in the establishment of VERITAS Interiors in 1992.

His leadership has been inspirational, and his time at VERITAS has been a true gift. Thank you for being such a wonderful person and supportive leader.

Sham commences his new role as advisor of VERITAS Interiors in March 2023.

Announcement of VERITAS' New Principal and Associate

Also at this staff quarterly meeting, two important promotions were announced. Congratulations to VERITAS Associate Bianca Purkis for being promoted as the latest VERITAS Principal. She will be helming VERITAS Interiors Sdn Bhd starting in March 2023. With Over 15 years of experience, Bianca's work at VERITAS includes rehabilitation of the Penang heritage building Seri Mutiara, Petra Group HQ in Bangsar and Wellness Tower in Johor and also some of her work.

Also, congratulations to VERITAS Project Manager, Abdul Rahman for being promoted as an Associate in VERITAS Contracts. With over 9 years of experience, Abdul Rahman's work includes the new Petronas Leadership Centre in Bangi, Selangor. He is also currently working on Coronation Square development in Johor Bahru and leading M&E engineering consultancy projects.

Architecture Journey Round Table

On 25th February, 2 Architects from VERITAS Kuala Lumpur Ridhwan Ahmad and Sharifah Amrah attended the Architecture Journey Round Table program as panelists. The program is an exchange dialogue on the trials and tribulations of graduate architects from foreign and local universities with developers and other creatives going through their academic years and induction to the industry.

OTHER NEWS

New Hire
VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

Bundle Of Joy

On 4th February 2023, VERITAS Architects Kuala Lumpur staff Jesslyn Loi Pei Yin and her spouse Low Heng Kai welcomed a baby girl Elise Low Jia Xuan to the world.

Congratulations to the happy couple.

Who's Celebrating Their Birthday – February
VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Kuala Lumpur)

- Roselinda Binti Razak
- Muhammad Nasir Bin Halim
- Nik Anessa Afaf Bt Fafie @ Rafie
- Musmuadin Muda Bin Mohamed Ibrahim
- Foong Lye Qwan
- Ahmad Safwan Abdul Rahim
- Muhammad Syafiq Baharin
- Churcharvir Singh A/L Parabvir Singh
- Lee Teo Yee
- Erlangyan Tekoh
- Nor Hassim Bin Mohamed Noor

VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Penang)

- Leong Bee Shim

VERITAS Architects Sdn. Bhd. (Johor Bahru)

- Mohd Rafiuddin bin Jemman
- Thing Kai Ren (Renny)

