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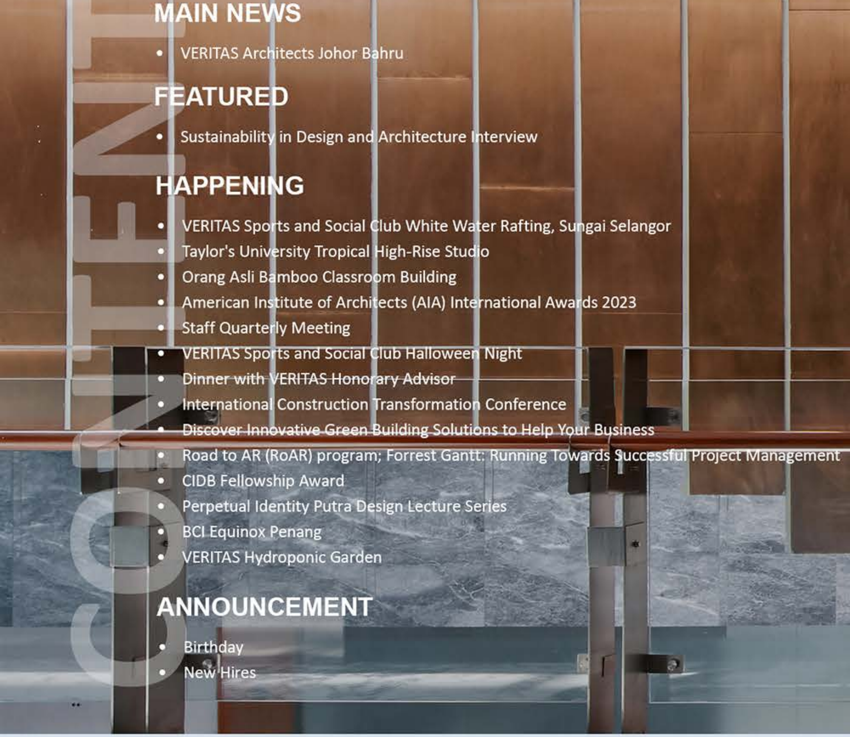
Greetings and Happy Deepavali to all our Readers!

Welcome to the November'23 edition of our E-news!

We're delighted this month to showcase VERITAS Johor Bahru, one of our most active Malaysian offices, and shine a spotlight on their people, outstanding projects and well-deserved accolades.

Also, this edition of E-news covers many other exciting happenings at VERITAS. We hope you enjoy this month's VERITAS E-news! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to know more about any of the stories featured here.



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VERITAS Architects Johor Bahru

VERITAS Architects, Johor Bahru (VAJB), a special business unit within the VERITAS Design group was established in January 2007 and has consistently delivered unparalleled professional services in architectural design, planning, and project management to discerning clients across diverse industries.

The formidable team of 25 highly skilled professionals, led by Principal Shah Jaffar until his retirement in 2021 and seamlessly transitioned to Anthony Lau in 2022, strategically operates from Jalan Padi Emas, Bandar Baru Uda in the city centre.

LEGO
LEGOLAND
MALAYSIA

Specializing in residential, commercial, institutional and sustainable design, their convenient location enhances accessibility and efficiency in addressing a wide spectrum of design challenges. VAJB has earned a distinguished reputation through accolades, showcasing excellence in projects such as

Serimbun Residence, J Land Tower, Menara Jland, Legoland, and Reading University. Notable achievements include the Malaysia Institute of Architects (PAM) 2021 Silver Winner Award, Star Property Award 2019, and Property Guru Asia Property Award 2018 Malaysia.

These awards underscore VAJB's commitment to architectural innovation, design excellence, and sustainable development, epitomizing the intersection of innovation and sophistication.

The firm's corporate mission is to elevate architectural experiences, setting new standards of excellence in the realms of design, planning, and project management.

Sustainability in Design and Architecture Interview

On 6th November, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay went live on BFM 89.9 for an interview on the topic of Sustainability in Design and Architecture. In an era marked by increasing environmental concerns and a growing awareness of our planet's finite resources, the fields of design and architecture are undergoing a profound transformation.

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In the interview, Lillian delved into the significance of sustainability in design and architecture by exploring its key principles, benefits and the role it plays in shaping a brighter, more environmentally-conscious future.

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On 28th October, VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) organized a White Water Rafting experience at Sungai Selangor, Kuala Kubu Bharu. The call to adventure was met with enthusiasm, as 34 daring VERITASians eagerly signed-up to navigate the exhilarating rapids, forming bonds and creating enduring memories in the heart of the rushing waters.

VERITAS Sports and Social Club White Water Rafting, Sungai Selangor

This adrenaline-fueled escapade exemplified the spirit of camaraderie and adventure that defines the vibrant community of VERITAS.

Taylor's University Tropical High-Rise Studio

On 2nd November, the VERITAS-Taylor's High-Rise Studio jury was held at Taylor's University Lakeside Campus. Senior Associate Choong Wei Li, Associate Michael Tan and Architect Daryl Law were on the panels to review the interim studio work of the first-semester master's students.

Focusing on the projects' design concepts, their feasibility and sustainability, the review panel provided valuable feedback offering suggestions for improvement and highlighting areas where the projects could be strengthened.

Orang Asli Bamboo Classroom Building

From the 3rd to the 10th of November, VERITAS, in collaboration with RIMAU, an NGO focused on Malayan tiger conservation and SEAD, a leading bamboo specialist supplier, joined forces to construct a school pavilion for the Orang Asli community nestled deep within the pristine landscape of the Royal Belum Park, Perak.

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany Kuala Lumpur

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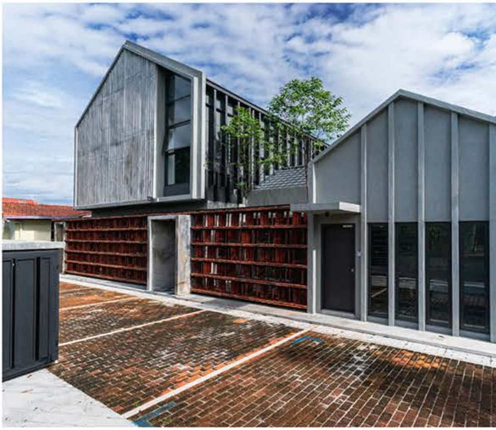
cooperation
DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT

This collaborative effort not only embodies our commitment to community development but also underscores VERITAS' collective dedication to environmental sustainability and wildlife conservation. For this pro-bono design, VERITAS President David M Hashim and a dedicated team of volunteers including Associate Farah Yusof, Architects Tan Yee Lyn, Daryl Law, Sharifah Amirah, Nurin Qistina, and Assistant Architects Shafiq Shahrin and Jaden Lim, spent a few days on the construction site.

American Institute of Architects (AIA) International Awards 2023

On 4th November, VERITAS bagged two prestigious design awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for the Women's Aid Organisation (WAO).



The project won the AIA Honour Award for Open International Architecture 2023 and the AIA Inclusive Design

Excellence Award for Architecture 2023 at the annual AIA International Awards 2023, held in Mexico City, Mexico. VERITAS Principal Syah Kamaruddin, who led the project, graciously received the accolades at a gala dinner in Mexico City.

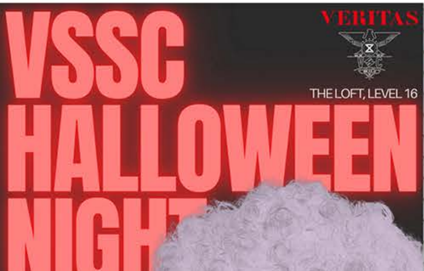
Staff Quarterly Meeting

On 4th November, VERITAS held its fourth staff quarterly meeting of 2023. The meeting was well-attended and was an update on all active VERITAS projects with sessions and talks by VERITAS Associates and Principals. In the spirit of Deepavali, VERITASians were encouraged to don Deepavali-themed attire.

A Yoga session by Ms. Atilia Haron, *"Stop & Take a Breather: Wellness at the Work Place"* was held in between project updates to lighten the mood. The meeting adjourned with the announcement of the best-dressed individuals and the serving of a Deepavali-themed lunch.

VERITAS Sports and Social Club Halloween Night

On 9th of November, the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) hosted a “spooktacular” Halloween Night at the Loft in VERITAS KL. The event featured entertaining mini-games and a best-dressed competition, where attendees flaunted their most haunting costumes. The night concluded with a screening of the Turkish horror movie "Siccin," accompanied by freshly made popcorn, creating an unforgettable and thrilling experience for all.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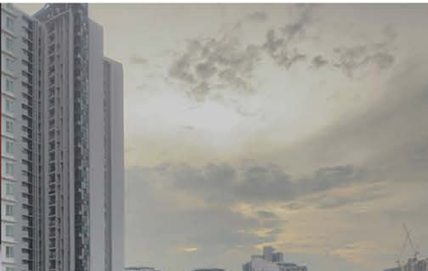
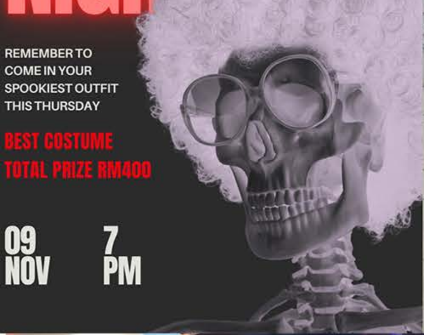
THE LOFT, LEVEL 16

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COME IN YOUR
SPOOKIEST OUTFIT
THIS THURSDAY
BEST COSTUME
TOTAL PRIZE RM400
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VSSC HALLOWEEN NIGHT 23'

HORROR MOVIE SCREENING

8.30PM, LOFT LEVEL 16
PIPING HOT POPCORN SERVED

Dinner with VERITAS Honorary Advisor

On 10th November, VERITAS President David M Hashim, Vice President Lillian Tay along with Principals Azril Jaafar, Edward Chew, Fazleyna Rashid, Khalifah Jamaluddin, Ng Yiek Send and Group General Manager Jordan Tan had the opportunity to dine with VERITAS Honorary Advisor Datuk Mahadi at Homst Restaurant, Wangsa Maju.

This occasion was to celebrate Datuk Mahadi's joining VERITAS, and provided an enriching platform for insightful discussions and the exchange of perspectives among esteemed leaders within the VERITAS community. The engagement exemplified a commitment to fostering meaningful connections and collaborative endeavors within the organization.

International Construction Transformation Conference

On the 15th of November, VERITAS President David M Hashim delivered an insightful presentation entitled "Kota Seribu Galur: Masterplan for the New Capital of Indonesia" at the International Construction Transformation Conference (ICTC), hosted at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). This two-day conference seamlessly integrated with the broader scope of the International Construction Week (ICW) 2023, spanning from the 14th to the 17th of November.

Q&A
Nusantara: The New Capital of Indonesia
15 Minutes City:
Vibrant neighborhood. Dense and compact neighborhood featuring diverse land uses and proximity from/to transit nodes

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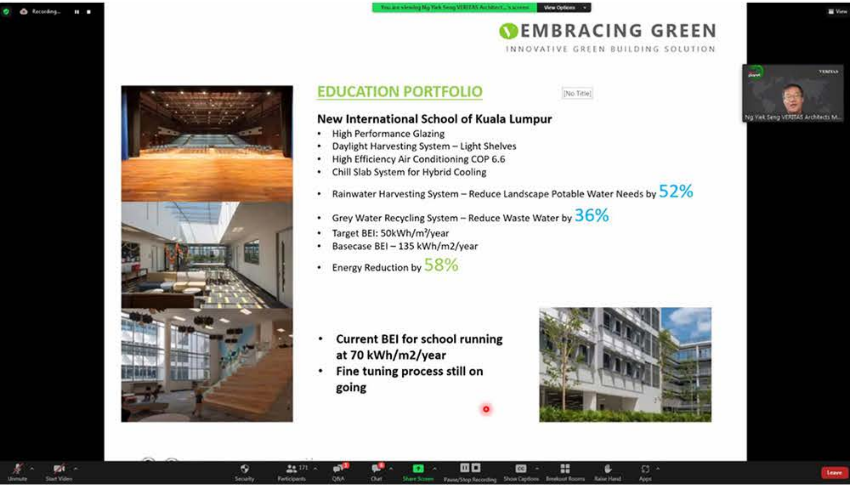
International ICW Construction Week

Discover Innovative Green Building Solutions to Help Your Business

On the 15th of November, VERITAS Principal Ng Yiek Seng delivered a presentation titled "Green Building Design: Principles and Practices" at the Discover Innovative Green Building Solutions virtual workshop. This workshop was organized by the UN Global Compact Network Singapore (GCNS) and the UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB), providing a valuable platform for sharing insights and fostering collaboration in sustainable building practices.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EMBRACING GREEN

INNOVATIVE GREEN BUILDING SOLUTION

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

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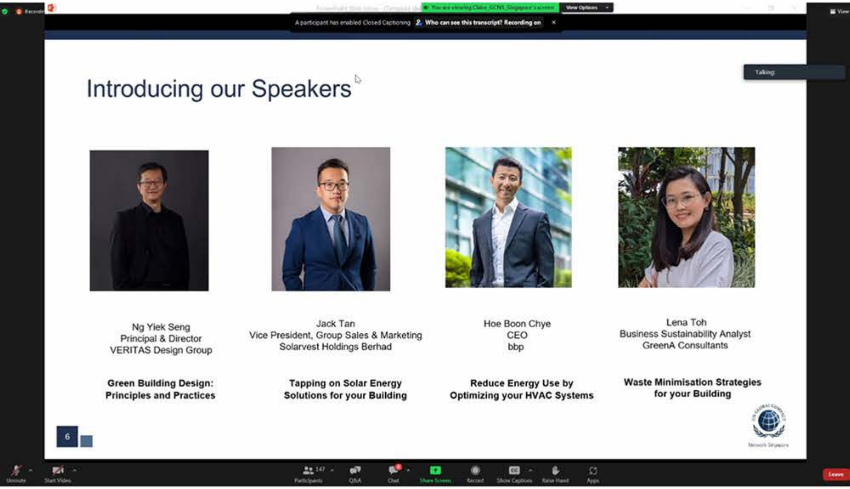
New International School of Kuala Lumpur

- High Performance Glazing
- Daylight Harvesting System – Light Shelves
- High Efficiency Air Conditioning COP 6.6
- Chill Slab System for Hybrid Cooling
- Rainwater Harvesting System – Reduce Landscape Potable Water Needs by 52%
- Grey Water Recycling System – Reduce Waste Water by 36%
- Target BEI: 50kWh/m²/year
- Basecase BEI – 135 kWh/m2/year
- Energy Reduction by 58%

- **Current BEI for school running at 70 kWh/m2/year**
- **Fine tuning process still on going**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Introducing our Speakers

Ng Yiek Seng
Principal & Director
VERITAS Design Group

Green Building Design: Principles and Practices

Jack Tan
Vice President, Group Sales & Marketing
Solarvest Holdings Berhad

Tapping on Solar Energy Solutions for your Building

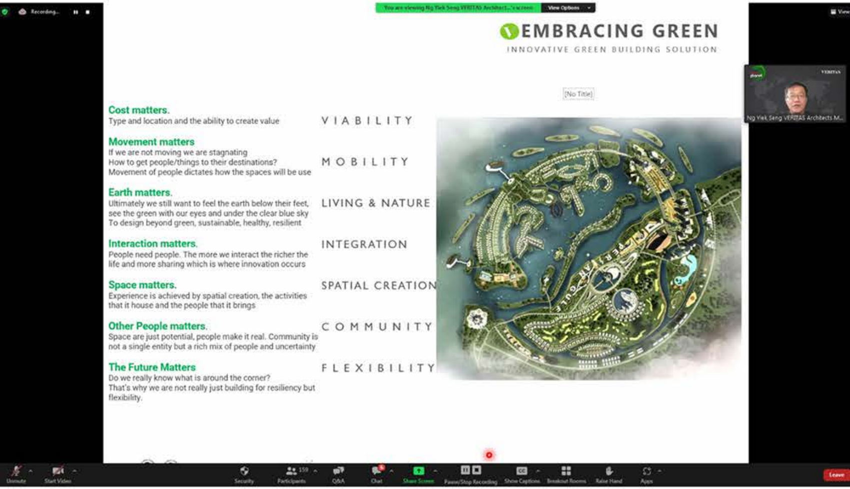
Hoe Boon Chye
CEO
bbp

Reduce Energy Use by Optimizing your HVAC Systems

Lena Toh
Business Sustainability Analyst
GreenA Consultants

Waste Minimisation Strategies for your Building

Network Singapore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INNOVATIVE GREEN BUILDING SOLUTION

Cost matters.
Type and location and the ability to create value
VIABILITY

Movement matters
If we are not moving we are stagnating
How to get people/things to their destinations?
Movement of people dictates how the spaces will be use
MOBILITY

Earth matters.
Ultimately we still want to feel the earth below their feet, see the green with our eyes and under the clear blue sky
To design beyond green, sustainable, healthy, resilient
LIVING & NATURE

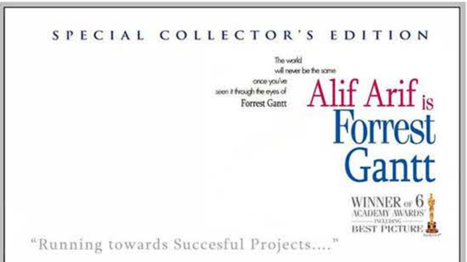
Interaction matters.
People need people. The more we interact the richer the life and more sharing which is where innovation occurs
INTEGRATION

Space matters.
Experience is achieved by spatial creation, the activities that it house and the people that it brings
SPATIAL CREATION

Other People matters.
Space are just potential, people make it real. Community is not a single entity but a rich mix of people and uncertainty
COMMUNITY

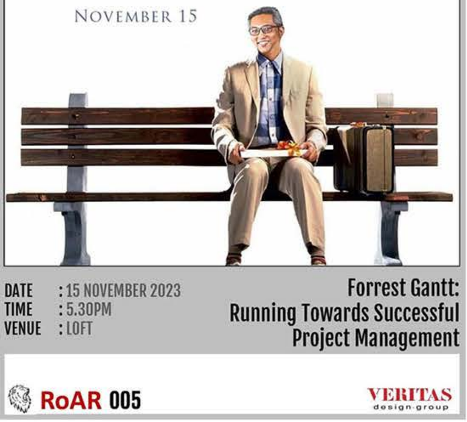
The Future Matters
Do we really know what is around the corner?
That's why we are not really just building for resiliency but flexibility.
FLEXIBILITY

Road to AR (RoAR) program; Forrest Gantt: Running Towards Successful Project Management


SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION
The world will never be the same once you've seen it through the eyes of Forrest Gantt
Alif Arif is Forrest Gantt
WINNER of 6 ACADEMY AWARDS INCLUDING BEST PICTURE
"Running towards Succesful Projects...."

On 15th November, the RoAR program was held at the Loft at VERITAS HQ in Kuala Lumpur. During this fifth session for 2023, Principal Alif Arif presented a talk entitled "Forrest Gantt: Running Towards Successful Project Management".

ROAR – ROad to Architectural Registration program was initiated in the year 2017 with the objective of gathering VERITASians to discuss in detail the LAM Part 3 exam topics and the challenges we have faced in this industry thus far.



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VENUE : LOFT

Forrest Gantt:
Running Towards Successful Project Management

RoAR 005

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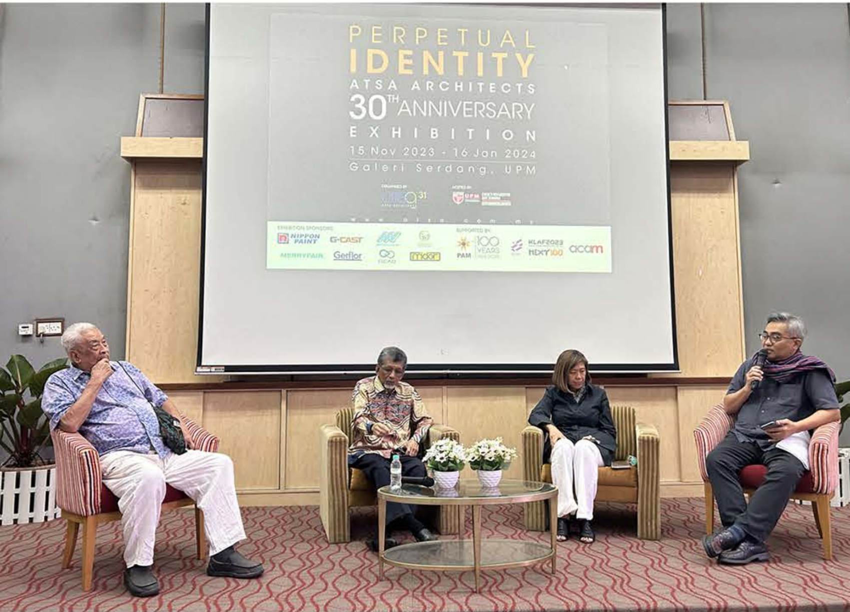
On 16th November, VERITAS President David M Hashim was honored to receive recognition among eminent trailblazers in the construction industry. The CIDB Fellowship Award 2023 bestowed upon him serves as a testament to David's unwavering commitment to advancing the development and progress of our nation within the construction sector.

CIDB Fellowship Award

We express sincere gratitude for this prestigious accolade and remain dedicated to shaping the future by contributing to the realization of dreams and the development of essential infrastructure.

Perpetual Identity Putra Design Lecture Series

On 21st November, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay, delivered an insightful presentation titled "Perpetual Identity: A Continuing Journey" during the Perpetual Identity Putra Design Lecture. This event was part of ATSA Architects' 30th Anniversary Exhibition hosted at Gallery Serdang, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), spanning a month from the 15th of November 2023.


PERPETUAL
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30TH ANNIVERSARY
EXHIBITION
15 Nov 2023 - 16 Jan 2024
Galeri Serdang, UPM
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100 YEARS
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The Lecture Program served as a platform for esteemed professionals in architecture, such as Lillian, to actively share their rich experiences and perspectives pertaining to the theme of Identity in architecture. This collaborative initiative fostered a meaningful exchange of insights within the architectural community.

BCI Equinox Penang

On 25th November, VERITAS Principal Alif Arif delivered a presentation at BCI Equinox Penang, hosted at the Royale Chulan Hotel Penang. The talk, titled "Creating Tomorrow: Malaysian Architecture in the Post-Pandemic and Artificial Intelligence Era," provided insightful perspectives on the evolving landscape of architecture in the context of both the post-pandemic era and the advancements driven by artificial intelligence.

bci equinox
PENANG
BCI

bci equinox
PENANG

Alif's engaging discourse contributed to the dialogue surrounding the future of Malaysian architecture, emphasizing adaptability and innovation in the face of contemporary challenges and technological shifts.

VERITAS Hydroponic Garden

Last year, VERITAS started a rooftop edible garden, initially rejected by the building management office. Undeterred, the team created a solar-powered balcony-level hydroponic system for growing water spinach. Despite challenges, they expanded to a larger hydroponic system with a stable power supply.

The project, completed in mid-October after approximately three months, aligns with VERITAS' commitment to ESG principles.

It provides VERITASians with an opportunity to actively engage in cultivating and maintaining the garden, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and enhancing the workplace experience. VERITASians had the opportunity to partake in the first harvest of the water spinach (kangkung) this month, marking a significant milestone in our collective endeavors.

New Hires

Account Manager
Liew Lei Quin
VAKL

Assistant Architect
Wong Teng Enn
VAKL

Senior Architect
Mohammad Iskandar
VAKL

Assistant Architect
Hafiy Naqiyuddin
VAKL

Internship
Lee Zheng Xuan
VAKL

Architect
Ahmad Azri
VAKL

Architect
Sheikh Ahmad
VAKL

BIM Modeller
Mohd Faizrul
VAKL

Senior Draughtperson
Mohd Ibrahim
VAKL

Graduate Architect
Nurul Syaqina
VAKL

Assistant Landscape Architect
Syavira Angelina Chin
VLandscape

Mechanical Engineering
Nor Azikin Munir
VContract

Electrical Engineer
Muhammad Saufee Zulkefli
VContract

Who's Celebrating their Birthday - November

- 3rd Mohd Faizrul Bin Kamarudin – (VAKL)
- 8th Megat Arzuan Bin Abas – (VAKL)
- 5th Norazian Binti Rahmat – (VAKL)
- 4th Suhaimi Bin Abdul Ghani – (VAJB)
- 10th Zawika Binti Ab. Kadir – (VAKL)
- 11th Syed Salem Bin Syed Abu Bakar – (VAKL)
- 13th Loo Chee Vee – (VAKL)
- 21st Izzatur Aizzat Binti Mohd Khalil Sreedaran – (VAKL)
- 24th Lee Chuin Shane – (VAKL)
- 27th Michael Tan – (VAKL)
- 28th Suhaimi Bin Mohd Yunus – (VAKL)