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Happy Lunar New Year to all our Readers!

Welcome to the February'24 edition of the VERITAS E-news!

In this edition, we're delighted to present examples of how VERITAS cares for the built environment. In a world where the built environment plays a pivotal role in the health of our planet, VERITAS is proud to lead the charge in integrating sustainability into the core of our design practices. We are dedicated to meeting today's needs and safeguarding future generations' well-being through our commitment to environmentally conscious design.

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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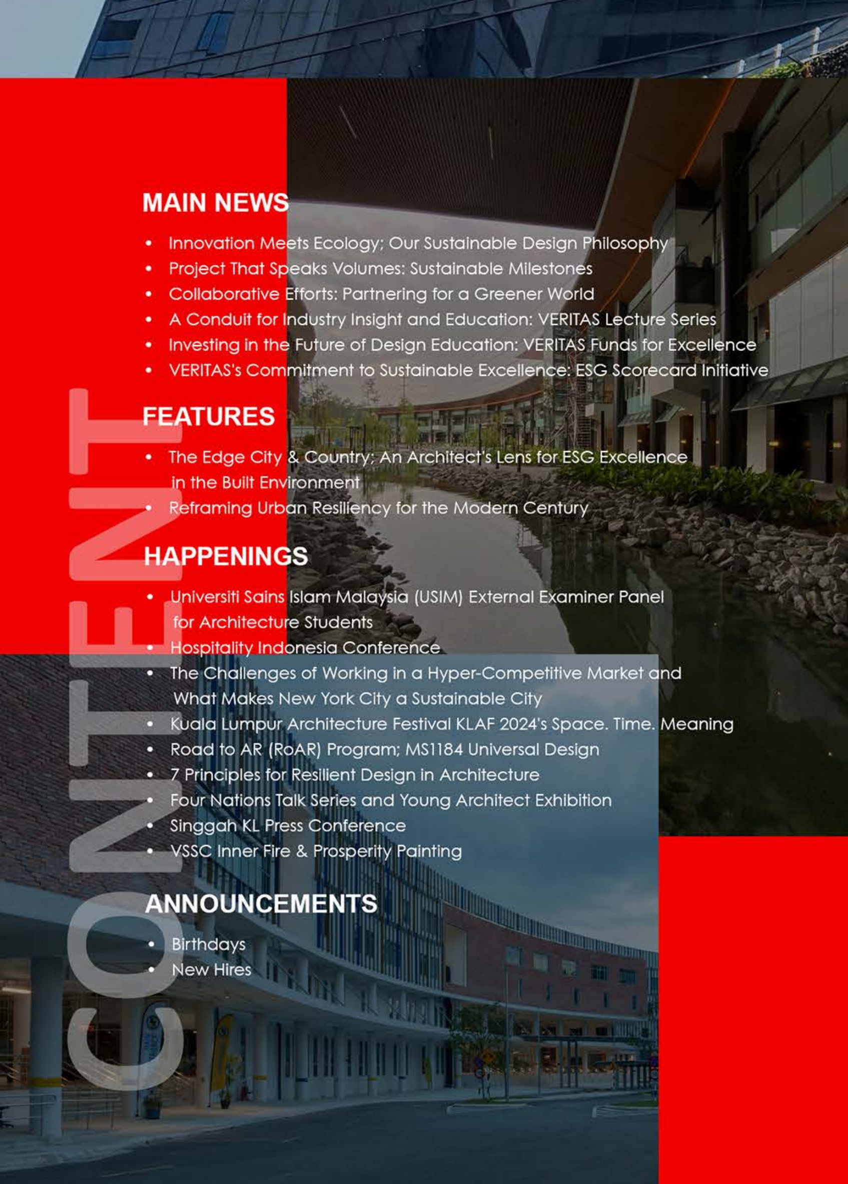

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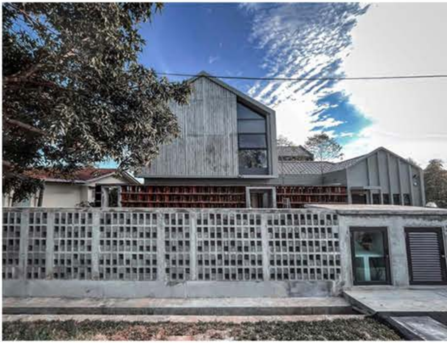
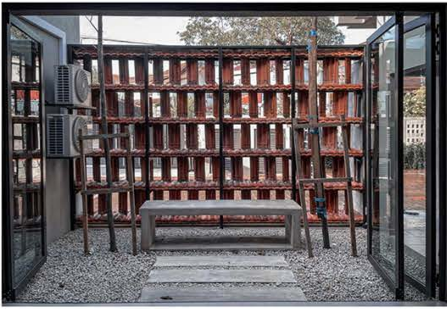
Innovation Meets Ecology; Our Sustainable Design Philosophy

At VERITAS, we are redefining design sustainability, integrating it at every stage, from conception to construction. Our philosophy extends beyond the selection of eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient systems; under VERITAS Green Check, we also consider the end-users, ensuring our buildings serve their needs sustainably.

Our commitment is exemplified in the WAO Shelter Home, a CSR initiative where we rebuilt a fire-stricken 1960s house into a haven for children.

This project not only reclaimed its past by repurposing materials like burnt roof tiles but also earned a Platinum Green certification for its green design.



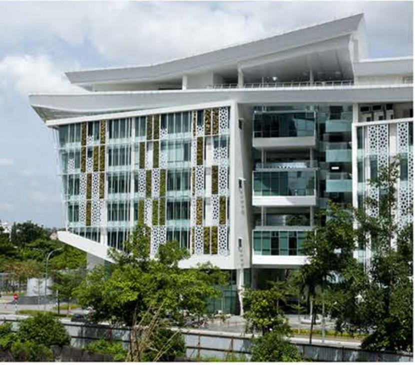


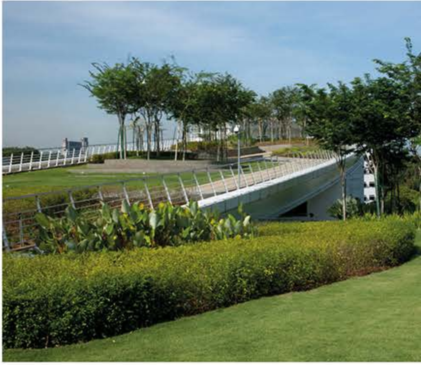
Focusing on passive cooling, the use of recycled materials, and renewable energy, the home's design allows for ample daylight and natural ventilation, minimizing energy use. Low VOC paints and green-certified products ensure a healthy indoor environment.

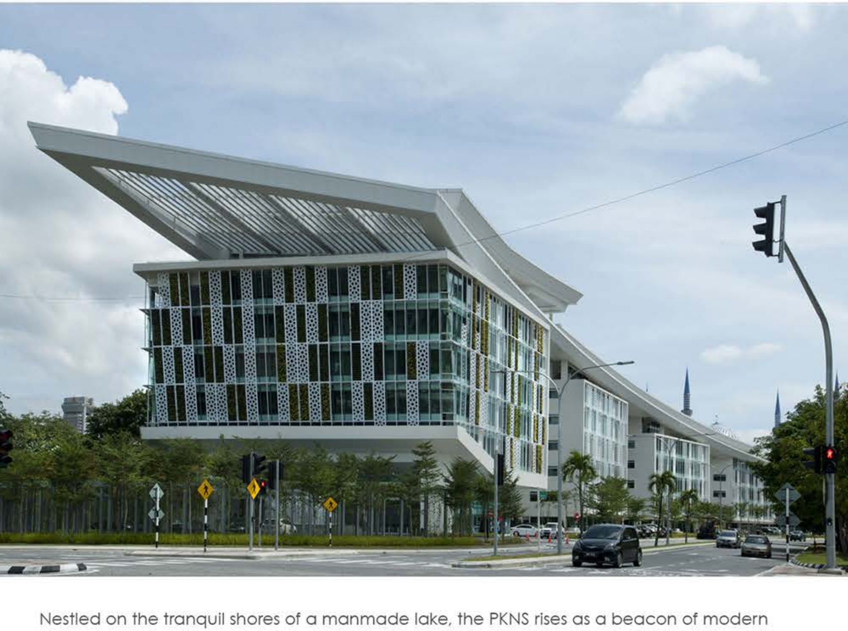
The pro-bono project was completed in January 2022 and stands at 550 square meters to symbolize recovery and resilience. It represents our vision: creating supportive spaces for those in need and leading the charge in sustainable architecture.

Project That Speaks Volumes: Sustainable Milestones

Our portfolio stands as a vibrant showcase of our commitment to sustainable design principles, presenting a collection of projects that serve as benchmarks in environmental stewardship and eco-friendly innovation. One such example is the acclaimed, Selangor State Development Corporate Headquarters (PKNS HQ) which boasts the highest GBI score ever awarded at the Design Assessment stage for an office building.







Nestled on the tranquil shores of a manmade lake, the PKNS rises as a beacon of modern design in the bustling heart of Shah Alam. This architectural gem redefines the skyline with its sweeping green roof that gracefully ascends and cascades back to meet a verdant pedestrian promenade. Here, office spaces span 5 floors, crowned by a retail haven on the ground, within a generous 25,000 square meters. This is where innovative architecture meets community space, inviting you to bask in panoramic views or revel in vibrant events.

Collaborative Efforts: Partnering for a Greener World

We recognize that achieving sustainability in design is a collaborative journey. Embracing a spirit of collaboration, we have joined forces with pioneers in green technology, esteemed material suppliers, and renowned sustainability experts, all to expand the horizons of environmentally-conscious design. Our collective efforts are dedicated to crafting structures and entire communities that epitomize smart, sustainable living.

Recently, this commitment to collaboration has been highlighted by our partnership with the United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei (UNGCMYB), culminating in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of VERITAS Green Check, a bespoke tool designed by VERITAS to guide our sustainability efforts in January this year.

This significant alliance with UNGCMYB represents a mutual dedication to fostering eco-friendly initiatives.

Further cementing our commitment to collaborative sustainable development, we have also embarked on a heartening project alongside RIMAU, a non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the Malayan tiger, and SEAD, a leader in bamboo supplies. Together, we have undertaken a pro-bono endeavor to construct a bamboo school pavilion for the Jahai Orang Asli community, set against the backdrop of the untouched rainforests of Royal Belum Park in Perak in November last year. These partnerships are vital strides towards our vision of a greener architectural landscape, demonstrating that together, we can indeed build a better world.

A Conduit for Industry Insight and Education: VERITAS Lecture Series

Established in 2007, the VERITAS Lecture Series (VLS) has become an annual intellectual symposium, disseminating pivotal industry knowledge and enriching learning experiences to our clients.

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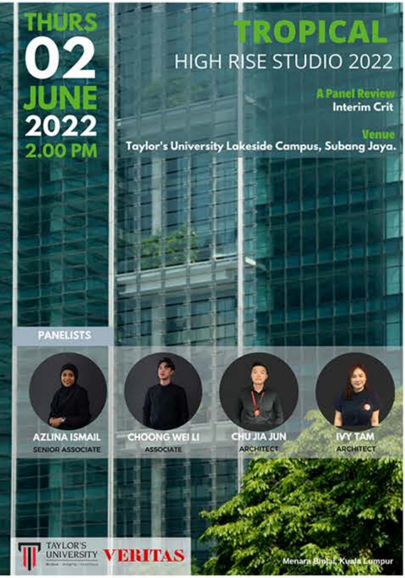
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HIGH RISE STUDIO 2022

A Panel Review
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Venue
Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Subang Jaya.

PANELISTS

AZLINA ISMAIL
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

CHOONG WEI LI
ASSOCIATE

CHU JIA JUN
ARCHITECT

IVY TAM
ARCHITECT

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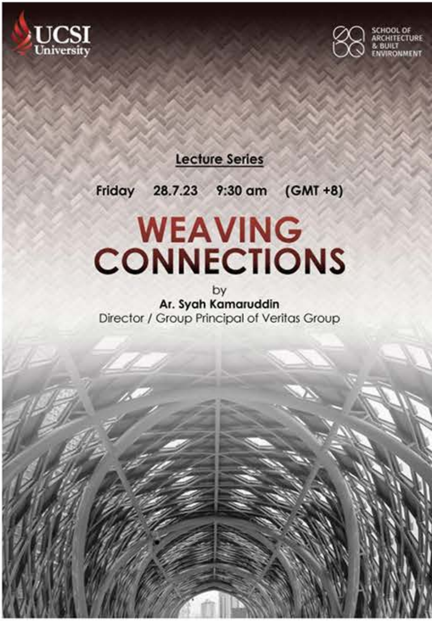
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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Lecture Series

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WEAVING CONNECTIONS

by
Ar. Syah Kamaruddin
Director / Group Principal of Veritas Group

VERITAS lecture SERIES
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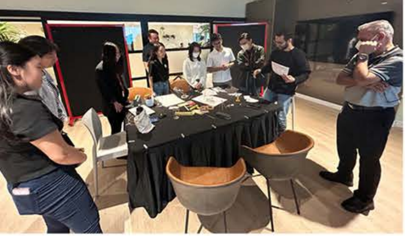

With a focus on the ever-evolving realms of design and property development, VLS serves as a platform for sharing expertise and fostering discussion on architectural and design innovation. In our commitment to societal enrichment, we engage in educational partnerships, including notable strategic collaborations with esteemed institutions like Taylor's University, to inspire and inform the next generation of industry leaders.

Investing in the Future of Design Education: VERITAS Funds for Excellence

Since 2004, the VERITAS Fund for Excellence in Design Education (VFE) has exemplified our commitment to innovation, excellence, and social responsibility. A prime example of our initiatives is Projek Urban Hijau, a venture that instills environmental sustainability in young minds.

In partnership with Yayasan Feruni, we have introduced sustainable urban farming to children from seven orphanages.

The Kasih Harmoni Paya Jaras home, selected for its suitable space, benefits from a hydroponic system that not only educates but also promotes entrepreneurial skills as the children learn to cultivate and market their produce locally. By providing this encouragement, we aim to empower them to make significant contributions to nation-building as architects, designers, and scholars, thereby ensuring a legacy of excellence and innovation.

VERITAS's Commitment to Sustainable Excellence: ESG Scorecard Initiative

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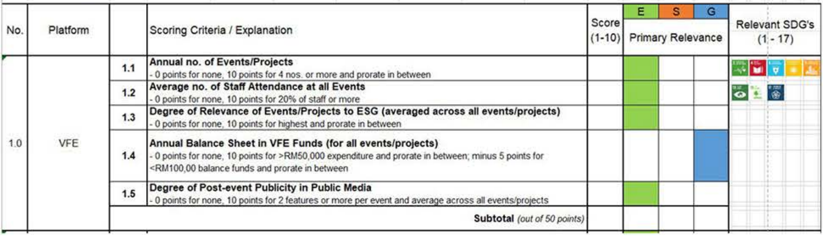
At VERITAS, our commitment to sustainability is a cornerstone of our operations. VERITAS's ESG scorecard initiative exemplifies our unwavering commitment to sustainable excellence and good governance. By integrating the ESG Scorecard into our operations, we not only track and elevate our sustainability metrics but also cultivate a culture of shared responsibility.

VERITAS ESG ANNUAL SCORECARD - 2024
Revision 5 - 25 February 2024



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		1.2	**Average no. of Staff Attendance at all Events** - 0 points for none, 10 points for 20% of staff or more		🟩			
		1.3	**Degree of Relevance of Events/Projects to ESG (averaged across all events/projects)** - 0 points for none, 10 points for highest and prorate in between		🟩			
		1.4	**Annual Balance Sheet in VFE Funds (for all events/projects)** - 0 points for none, 10 points for >RM50,000 expenditure and prorate in between; minus 5 points for <RM100,00 balance funds and prorate in between				🟦	
		1.5	**Degree of Post-event Publicity in Public Media** - 0 points for none, 10 points for 2 features or more per event and average across all events/projects		🟩			
			Subtotal *(out of 50 points)*					

This innovative approach is further evidenced by the VERITAS CARE program, which rewards eco-conscious commuting by redistributing energy savings to employees who utilize public transportation. Such initiatives underscore our devotion to both employee welfare and environmental stewardship, setting an industry benchmark for corporate governance that earnestly prioritizes sustainability and social responsibility.

The Edge City & Country; An Architect's Lens for ESG Excellence in the Built Environment.

https://digital.theedgemalaysia.com/.../city/20240212city...

On 12th January, VERITAS Architect Chu Jia Jun was spotlighted in The Edge City & Country edition, presenting his insightful article titled 'An Architect's Lens for ESG Excellence in the Built Environment.'

This piece illuminates the pivotal role of architecture and design in enhancing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria within our living space.

An architect's lens for ESG excellence in the built environment

Reframing Urban Resiliency for the Modern Century

https://www.bfm.my/podcast/morning-run/people-planet-profit/city-urban-architecture-green-office-resilience-building-malaysia

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VERITAS Senior Associate
Miguel Robles

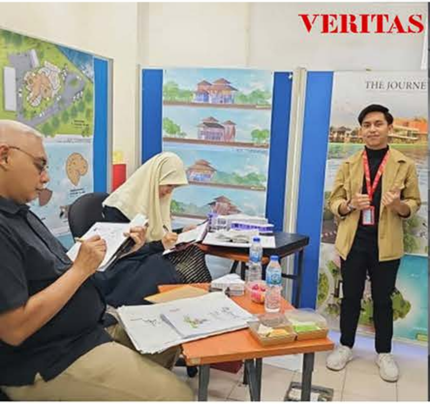
On 20th February, VERITAS Senior Associate Miguel Robles' enlightening interview, 'Reframing Urban Resiliency for the Modern Century,' was featured on BFM Podcast station.

The discussion delved into critical issues of urban migration, climate change risks, and strategies for ensuring the sustainability and resilience of cities. Miguel shared insights specific to the Malaysian context, exploring how innovative design and planning can contribute to more resilient urban environments in the face of evolving challenges.

Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) External Examiner Panel

for Architecture Students

On 30th January, VERITAS Principal Azril Jaafar was one of the External Examiner Panel for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture Degree Program, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), contributing his expertise to shape the future of architecture education.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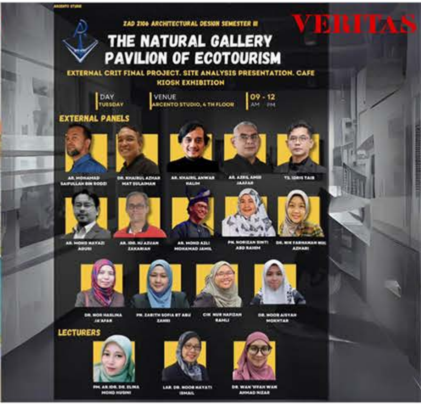
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DR. NOOR AISYAH MOKHTAR
LECTURERS
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LAR. DR. NOOR HAYATI ISMAIL
DR. WAN 'IFFAH WAN AHMAD NIZAR

Hospitality Indonesia Conference

On 30th January, VERITAS Indonesia Principal Andrew Tirta was one of the speakers at the Hospitality Indonesia Conference. Alongside esteemed panelists, Andrew discussed 'The Rise of the Digital Nomad: Adapting Hotel Design for Work-from-Anywhere Guests,' highlighting how the pandemic has accelerated the 'work from anywhere' phenomenon. This shift has prompted a significant redesign of resort spaces to cater to a new breed of travelers who blend leisure with productivity.

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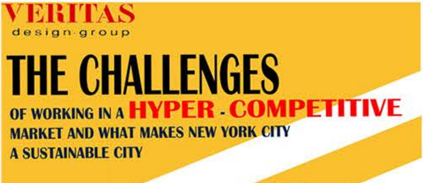
7th Hospitality Indonesia Conference

The session also touched upon the reimagining of business centers into dynamic, co-working-inspired environments that resonate with the vibrancy of city life.

The insights shared at the conference underscore the evolving needs of modern guests, particularly digital nomads, in an increasingly mobile world.

The Challenges of Working in a Hyper-Competitive Market and What Makes New York City a Sustainable City

On 31st January, Jeffrey Murphy, the esteemed Senior Partner at Murphy, Burnham & Buttrick, delivered a riveting talk on "The Challenges of Working in a Hyper-Competitive Market and What Makes New York City a Sustainable City."



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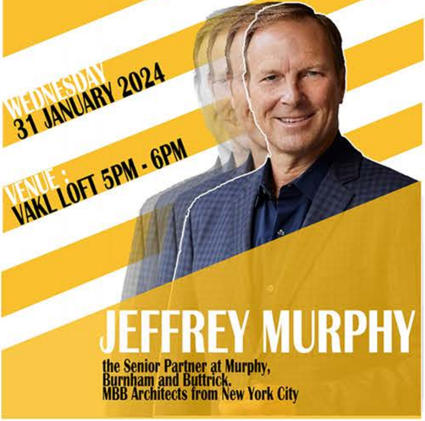
THE CHALLENGES
OF WORKING IN A HYPER - COMPETITIVE
MARKET AND WHAT MAKES NEW YORK CITY
A SUSTAINABLE CITY

Held at the VERITAS HQ Loft, the talk provided valuable perspectives on fostering sustainability in the relentless pace of New York City, highlighting innovative approaches to urban design and architecture.

This event once again underscored VERITAS' commitment to fostering dialogues that shape the future of sustainable urban living.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JEFFREY MURPHY
the Senior Partner at Murphy,
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MBB Architects from New York City

Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival KLAF 2024's Space. Time. Meaning

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Q&A

On 3rd February, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay presented a talk at KLAF 2024's 'Space. Time. Meaning' launching at the PAM Centre with the 'Architects and Art' theme.

Reflecting on the year of the 'wood dragon,' opportunities, changes, and challenges, Lillian shared her insightful thoughts on being an Architect and her experiences as a gallery and event space owner.

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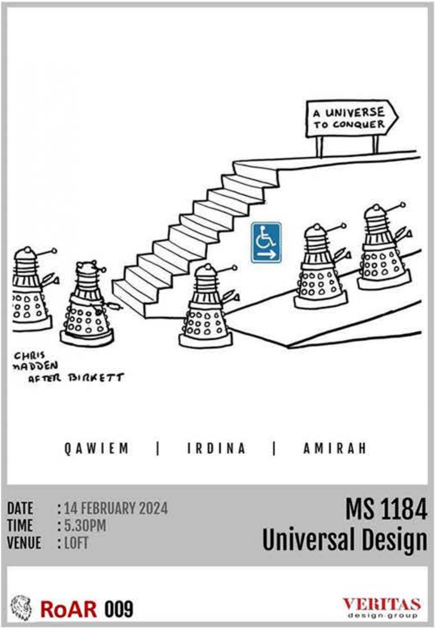
Road to AR (RoAR) Program; MS1184 Universal Design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QAWIEM | IRDINA | AMIRAH

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Universal Design

RoAR 009

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On 14th February, the RoAR program was held at the Loft at VERITAS HQ in Kuala Lumpur.

During this ninth session, Architects Sharifah Amirah, Irdina Farhanah and Qawiem Yusman presented a talk entitled "MS1184 Universal Design".

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

7 Principles for Resilient Design in Architecture

On 16th February, VERITAS Senior Associate Miguel Robles delivered an engaging virtual presentation to Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) students, exploring the dynamics of "7 Principles for Resilient Design in Architecture."

COSA LECTURE SERIES 2023 (HYBRID MODE)

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. MIGUEL A. ROBLES-

His talk provided a deep dive into the foundational strategies that foster resilience in architectural design, offering valuable insights for the next generation of architects shaping our world.

7 PRINCIPLES FOR RESILIENT DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE

Designing a building with Resilience means starting the design process by considering the natural or man-caused situations that may distress building's normal use and operation, by challenging its integrity to reduce possible disturbance to its occupants.

Resilient design is always locally specific as the context plays a critical role in determining the factors that make a building Resilient. These factors can be classified under seven (7) categories or principles: Redundancy; Adaptability and Flexibility; Interdependency; Regenerative and Restorative; Durability; Value; and Cultural Responsiveness.

CENTRE OF SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE (COSA)
with UTAR ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS SOCIETY
Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering & Sciences

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MIGUEL A. ROBLES-CARDONA IS AN ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT WITH THE VERITAS DESIGN GROUP SINCE 2018. HE CURRENTLY LEADS SEVERAL KEY PROJECTS AT VERITAS, INCLUDING OXLEY TOWERS, AN 80-STOREY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT IN KL CITY CENTRE, WHICH IS TARGETING TO COMPLETE IN 2024. MIGUEL GRADUATED AS AN ARCHITECT FROM THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, SEVILLA, SPAIN, AND RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, WITH SPECIALIZATION IN THE MODERN FORM. IN 2014, HE ATTAINED HIS PHD IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN 2014 FROM THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE OF BARCELONA.

Zoom Meeting
Miguel Robles is talking...
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Abdul Rahim Mohd Zin
Miguel Robles VERITAS
Ng Chun Wai
Maadavan Jayakumaran
Jian Cheng Lee
Malik
Hsu Lyn Chin
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RESILIENCE | 7 PRINCIPLES FOR RESILIENT DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE

REDUNDANCY

ADAPTABILITY

INTERDEPENDENCY

REGENERATIVE

& FLEXIBILITY

& RESTORATIVE

DURABILITY

VALUE

CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS

Principles for Resilient Design in Architecture VERITAS design group

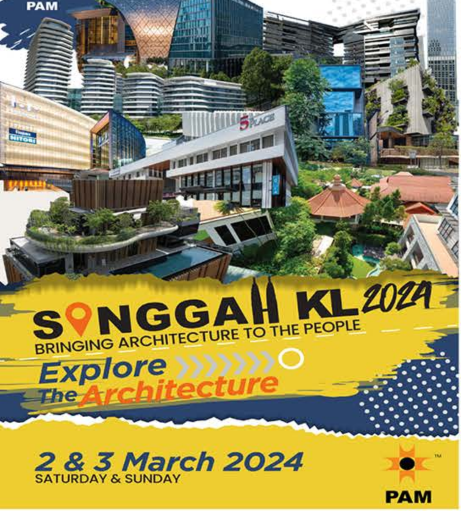
Four Nations Talk Series and Young Architect Exhibition

On 22nd February, VERITAS Associate Farah Yusof delivered a compelling presentation on ' Tolerance and Placemaking' at the ARCH-ID 2024 Four Nations Talk Series and Young Architect Exhibition in Jakarta. This insightful session, part of the esteemed 4th Indonesia Architecture Exhibition and Conference, took place at the prestigious Indonesia Convention Exhibition (ICE) in BSD City, Jakarta.

Farah's presentation shed light on the critical importance of integrating tolerance into the fabric of urban design and placemaking, captivating an audience of industry professionals and enthusiasts gathered to explore innovative architectural concepts and practices.

Singgah KL Press Conference

On 20th February, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay and Principal Azril Jaafar attended the Singgah KL press conference, heralding the upcoming event on the 2nd and 3rd of March. Singgah KL, a unique site visit experience, throws open the doors to the fascinating world of architecture for the general public.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BRINGING ARCHITECTURE TO THE PEOPLE
Explore The Architecture
2 & 3 March 2024
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
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VERITAS Architects is excited to showcase five of our distinguished projects, inviting you to step into spaces where design and innovation meet. Our open sites include:

- The luxurious Star Residence, epitomizes upscale living.
- The iconic Saloma Bridge, a marvel of engineering and aesthetics.
- The vibrant W Hotel and Residences, where hospitality meets VERITAS's architectural finesse.
- The cutting-edge educational environment of the International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL).
- KPD The Five, a quintessence of modern corporate spaces.

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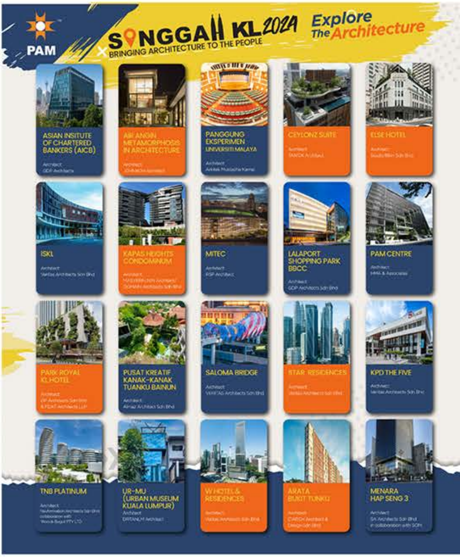
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MITEC
Architect: RSP Architects
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Architect: GDP Architects Sdn Bhd
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Architect: HMA & Associates
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SALOMA BRIDGE
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Architect: Veritas Architects Sdn Bhd
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W HOTEL & RESIDENCES
Architect: Veritas Architects Sdn Bhd
ARAYA BUKIT TUNKU
MENARA HAP SENG 3
Architect: GA Architects Sdn Bhd in collaboration with SOM

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the keystones of Kuala Lumpur's architectural landscape with us.

Register now at: https://singgah-kl.com/ and join us in bringing architecture closer to the community.

VSSC Inner Fire & Prosperity Painting

On 24th February, VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) hosted a vibrant painting event titled

'Inner Fire' in the cozy neighborhood of Desa Sri Hartamas. It was a morning where participants indulged in a creative escape, channeling their inner artists over the aroma of fine coffee and the warmth of great company. In a celebration of artistic expression, the top three 'Inner Fire' paintings will be featured in an auction at our first Quarterly Meeting on the 2nd of March.

New Hires

Mohd Farid Bin Bakri
Senior Technical Assistant
VLandscape

Priyatharishini Mardarveran
ESD Engineer
VEnvironment

Dhineshkumar A/L Ilamaran
Interior Design Intern
VInteriors

Nur Liyana Binti Fazli
Human Resource Intern
VAKL

Mohd Al-Shitri Bin Zulkifli

Florenica Aren Awing

Low Weng Fai
Architect Intern

Inspector of Work
VAKL

Human Resource Executive
VAKL

VAKL

Who's Celebrating their Birthday - February

- Roselinda Binti Razak (VAKL)
- Mohd Rafiuddin Bin Jasman (VAJB)
- Renny Thing Kai Ren (VAJB)
- Mohammad Iskandar Bin Abd Razak (VAKL)
- Nik Aneesa Afaf Binti Fafiei @Rafie (VAKL)
- Felicia Leong Bee Shim (VAPenang)
- Misamudin Muda Bin Mohd Ibrahim (VAKL)
- Muhammad Zubair Bin Hazni (VAKL)
- Imran Effendy (VContract)
- Muhammad Syafie Bin Baharin (VAKL)
- Erlianny Binti Tekoh (VAKL)
- Nor Hasshim Bin Mohamed Noor (VAKL)

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