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SELAMAT HARI MERDEKA MALAYSIA!

Greetings to all our Readers!

Greetings to all our Readers! As we celebrate the spirit of independence in our Malaysian headquarters this August, we are thrilled to bring you the latest edition of VERITAS E-News, spotlighting on our contribution to Malaysia's Public Realm and projects for the people, alongside other significant activities at VERITAS. We invite you to explore these stories with us and encourage you to reach out if you'd like to learn more. Enjoy this special Merdeka edition!

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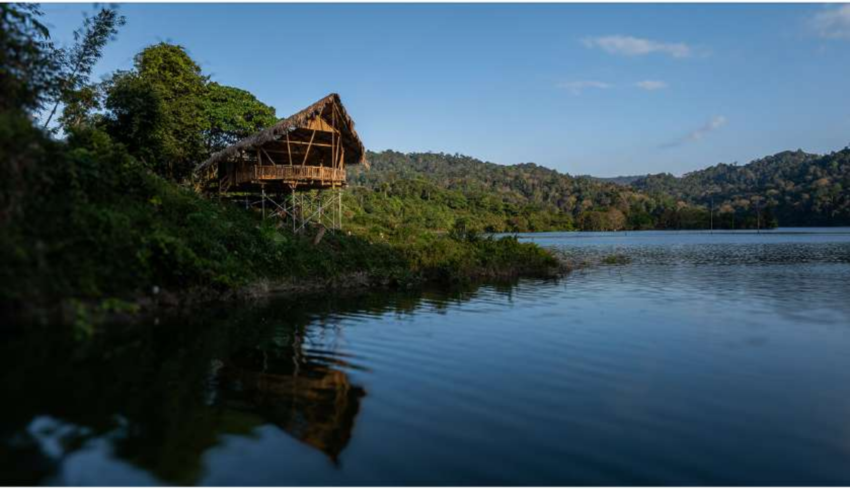
Rumah Baca

Royal Belum Park, Perak

Over several weeks in November and December 2023, VERITAS, in collaboration with RIMAU, an NGO focused on Malayan tiger conservation and SEAD, a leading bamboo specialist supplier, constructed a school pavilion for the Jahai aboriginal community nestled deep within the pristine rainforest of the Royal Belum Park, Perak.

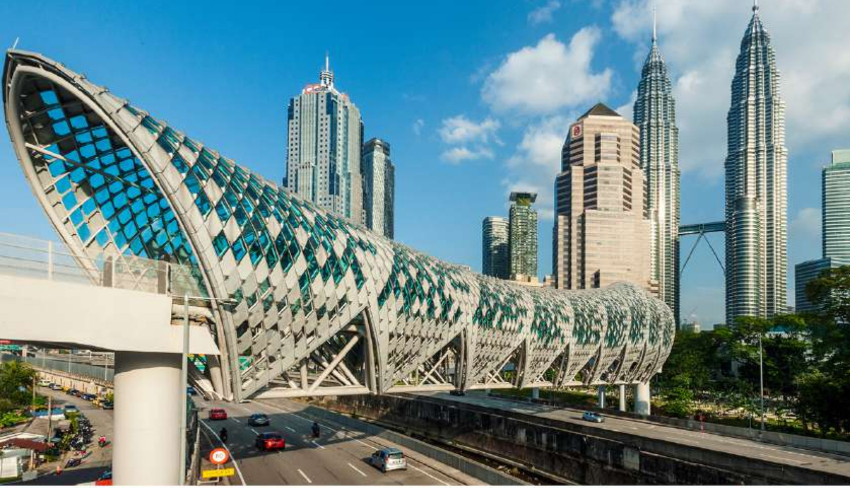
This pro-bono project, led by VERITAS President David M. Hashim and a team of volunteers, underscores our commitment to community development, environmental sustainability, and wildlife conservation. The pavilion was constructed using bamboo and features sustainable elements like natural ventilation and off-grid solar power, and now serves as an educational space. Despite the logistical challenges, the project was completed successfully, reinforcing the values of unity and collective effort that embody the spirit of Merdeka. By giving back to the community, VERITAS aligns its work with the enduring principles of independence and national pride.



Saloma Link

Kampung Bharu, Kuala Lumpur

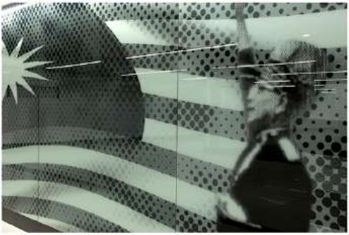
The Saloma Link, opened in February 2020 in Kuala Lumpur, seamlessly connects the traditional Malay enclave of Kampong Bharu with the modern Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), bridging the Sungai Klang and the six-lane Ampang Kuala Lumpur Elevated Highway (AKLEH). Commissioned by the Kampong Bharu Development Corporation, this 370m elevated walkway culminates in a 69m bridge, offering stunning views of KLCC's landmarks, including the Petronas Twin Towers. Inspired by the *Sireh Junjung*, a symbol of unity in Malay culture, the bridge not only enhances accessibility but also revitalizes Kampong Bharu by linking it to the prosperous CBD. Since its opening, it has become a beloved public space for Malaysians, symbolizing the connection between tradition and modernity.



The MRT Merdeka Station

Kuala Lumpur

The MRT Merdeka Station, part of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, symbolizes Malaysia's independence. Strategically located near Stadium Merdeka, where the nation's independence was proclaimed, the station's design pays tribute to this historic event. Patriotic images are featured on the concourse level, including the proclamation of Merdeka by the late Tunku Abdul Rahman, and the essential passage of the Rukun Negara, Malaysia's core values, engraved on the main feature wall. This station not only connects key points across the city, helping to ease traffic congestion, but also embodies the spirit of progress and unity that Merdeka represents. The station was completed in 2018.



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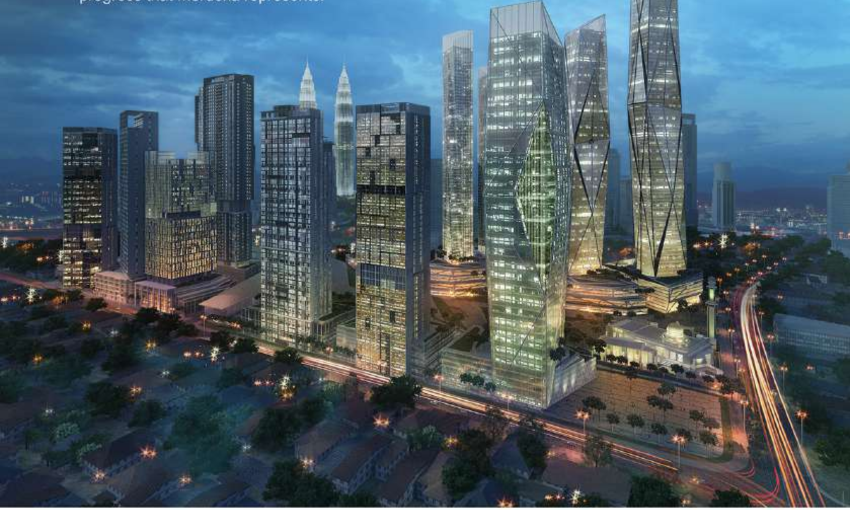
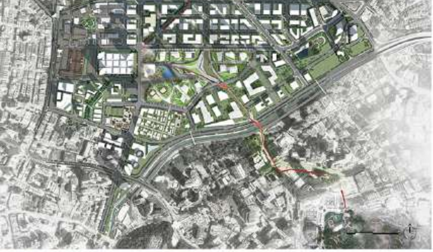
kesopanan dan kesusilaan
negara 1970

Kampong Bharu Masterplan

Kampong Bharu, Kuala Lumpur

The Kampong Bharu Masterplan, spearheaded by the Kampong Bharu Development Corporation (PKB Corp), envisions transforming 221 acres of historic land into a vibrant city center that honors Malaysia's rich cultural heritage while embracing modernity. This redevelopment will merge cutting-edge urban design with traditional Malay values, creating a dynamic community hub and a commercial district that draws investors and supports local growth. A standout feature is the Saloma Link pedestrian bridge, which connects Kampong Bharu with KLCC, symbolizing the unity and progress that Merdeka represents.





Bukit Jalil National Sports Complex

Bukit Jalil, Selangor

The National Sports Complex at Bukit Jalil serves as a pivotal hub for sports and recreation, embodying the spirit of unity and national pride that resonates with the Merdeka theme. Comprising three main structures, the complex supports various sports programs that reflect Malaysia's commitment to fostering a healthy society. Its circular layout symbolizes inclusivity, with avenues of trees radiating from the central National Stadium, while the ceremonial boulevard leading to the stadium is flanked by dignified rows of trees, creating a majestic approach.

Water features meander through the landscape, culminating in a striking pedestrian entrance that invites exploration. Spacious public plazas adorned with captivating sculptures and vibrant gardens encourage community interaction and celebration, echoing the values of unity and togetherness central to the Merdeka narrative. Thus, the National Sports Complex stands as a testament to Malaysia's dedication to sports, culture, and national identity, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among its citizens.

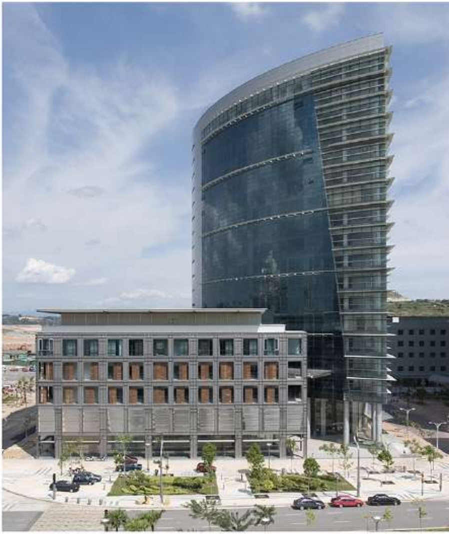
Ministry of National Resources and Environment

Precint 4, Putrajaya

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Putrajaya serves as a gateway along the Central Boulevard, with its design symbolizing unity and progress. The building is part of a group of four towers arranged in a geometric Islamic motif, blending tradition with modern architecture. The 18-storey tower, set apart from its 6-storey podium, features a sky-lit atrium that integrates the public boulevard with the building's interior, creating a

seamless flow of light, air, and greenery.

This design highlights the harmony between nature and built spaces, reflecting Malaysia's commitment to sustainability. The tower's orientation and use of passive shading devices reduce energy consumption, making it one of the region's most efficient buildings. Completed in 2006, this project honors the nation's balance between innovation and cultural heritage.



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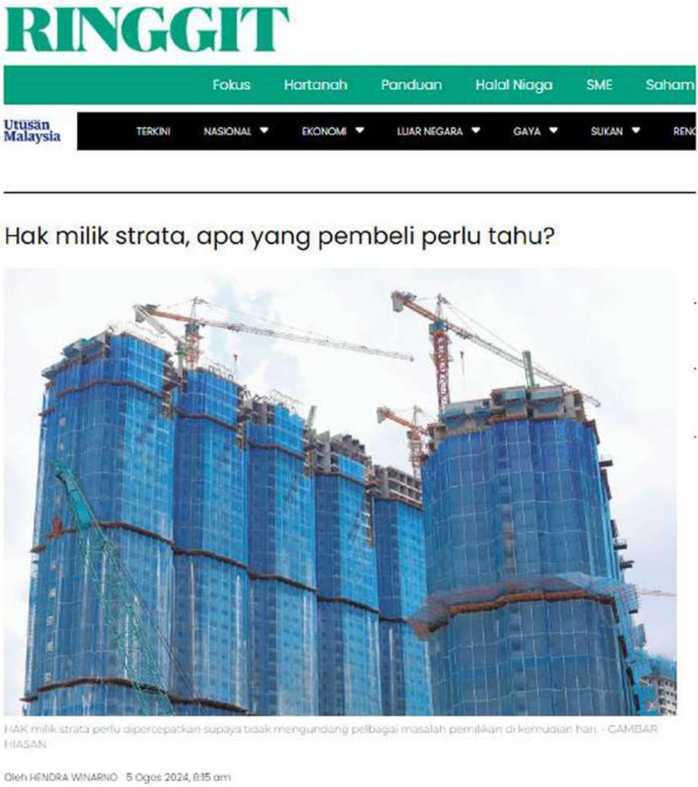
WHERE ARE WE FEATURED?

Utusan Malaysia Ringgit Edition

On 5th August, VERITAS Principal Azril Amir Jaafar was featured in Utusan Malaysia, Ringgit Edition. The article, '*Hak milik strata, apa yang pembeli perlu tahu?*' discussed the critical role of strata ownership in the selection of real estate in Malaysia, particularly for home buyers in rapidly growing urban areas. Azril highlighted that without strata ownership, buyers may lose essential rights, such as the ability to attend and vote in the general meeting of the Management Corporation (MC) or to become a member of the MC.



Hak milik strata, apa yang pembeli perlu tahu?

HAK milik strata perlu dipercepatkan supaya tidak mengundang pelbagai masalah pemilikan di kemudian hari. - GAMBAR HIASAN

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The Edge City and Country Edition

On 12th August VERITAS Principal Alif Arif was featured in The Edge City and Country Edition. In his insightful article, *'Architectural Evolution: Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Real Estate,'* Alif explores how AI is reshaping the future of architecture and real estate. Dive into the full article to discover the innovative ways AI is driving change in our industry.

Architectural evolution: Harnessing artificial intelligence in real estate

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SANDAKAN TOWN CENTRE
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Find Your Personal Colour Workshop

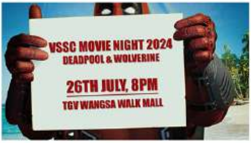
On 19th July, VERITAS Sports & Social Club (VSSC) hosted a 'Find Your Personal Colour' workshop at The Loft, VERITAS HQ. This engaging session, led by Hanna and Warnabilla from The Powderuum, focused on empowering participants by helping them discover their personal colours.

Turtle Conservation & Information Centre (TCIC) Site Visit

On 26th July, VERITAS Principal Ar. Azril Amir Jaafar attended a visit by ECERDC and KLCC Projeks team to the Turtle Conservation & Information Centre (TCIC) project site in Cherating, Pahang. The event included inhouse tree planting on-site and along the beachfront by the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC), and the release of baby turtles. We are proud to contribute to this vital initiative and look forward to its completion in 2025.

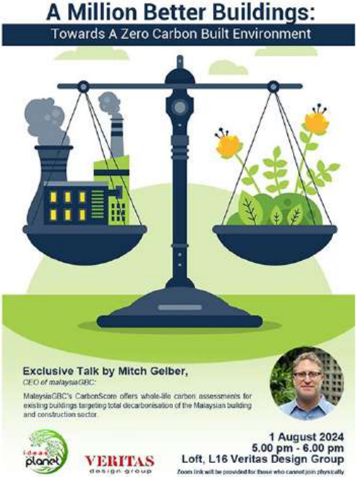
VERITAS Sports & Social Club (VSSC) Movie Night

On 26th July VERITAS Sports & Social Club (VSSC) treated VERITASians to an exciting movie night at TGV, Wangsa Walk Mall The evening was filled with laughter and action as we enjoyed a special screening of the much-anticipated *'Deadpool & Wolverine'* crossover. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to unwind and connect outside of the office, all while enjoying a blockbuster duo on the big screen.



VERITAS Teh Tarik Talk: A Million Better Buildings

On 1st August Mr. Mitch Gelber, CEO of the Malaysia Green Building Council (MGBC), led an engaging VERITAS Teh Tarik Talk at The Loft of VERITAS HQ. Drawing from over a decade of experience on the Green Building Index (GBI) Technical Committee and his current role as chair of MGBC's Advancing Net Zero Task Force, Mr. Gelber shared valuable insights on *'A Million Better Buildings: Towards a Zero Carbon Built Environment.'* His presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities in creating sustainable, energy-efficient buildings, offering the audience a deep dive into the future of green architecture.


A Million Better Buildings:
Towards A Zero Carbon Built Environment

Exclusive Talk by Mitch Gelber,
CEO of malaysiaGBC

MalaysiaGBC's CarbonScore offers whole-life carbon assessments for existing buildings targeting total decarbonisation of the Malaysian building and construction sector

1 August 2024
5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Loft, L16 Veritas Design Group
Zoom link will be provided for those who cannot join physically

VERITAS Staff Quarterly Meeting

On 3rd August, VERITAS held its 3rd Staff Quarterly Meeting at Lembaga Getah Malaysia, Jalan Ampang. The event featured a thought-provoking talk by Dr. Nazrul Azizi from SCOPURS Malaysia and Young Minds Malaysia, who spoke on 'Enhancing Workplace Wellbeing for Sustainable Organizational Success.' His insights on the crucial role of well-being in driving long-term success resonated deeply with our ongoing commitment to fostering a healthy and productive work environment.

The meeting also included exciting updates from the VERITAS Sports and Social Club (VSSC) on upcoming activities, as well as initiatives from the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) aimed at benefiting the community. VERITAS CARE shared updates, including the handover of quarterly initiatives supporting staff who use public transport. The event concluded with the presentation of the Core Value Awards, recognizing five staff members who embody VERITAS' core values: Integrity, Design, Environment, Audacity, and Service. The day was further enlivened by a series of lucky draws, adding to the spirit of camaraderie and celebration.

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Oxley Towers Site Visit

On 3rd August, VERITAS hosted a staff site visit to Oxley Towers in Kuala Lumpur, inviting architects from both VERITAS Johor Bahru (VAJB) and VERITAS Penang (VAPG). Beginning at 2:30 PM, the visit provided an invaluable opportunity for the team to observe the project's progress and explore its intricate design features firsthand. This collaborative experience not only strengthened professional ties among the teams but also highlighted the architectural excellence and innovative design elements that define Oxley Towers, a landmark development in the heart of Kuala Lumpur.

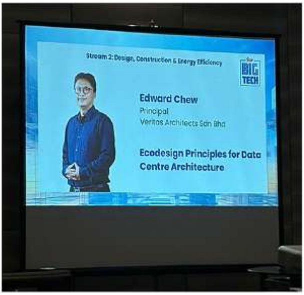
VERITAS Annual Dinner

On 3rd August, the VERITAS 2024 Annual Dinner beautifully concluded a day of learning and connection, hosted by the VERITAS Sports & Social Club (VSSC) at the Park Royal Hotel, Bukit Bintang. Embracing the theme *'Heal, Rest, and Relax in White,'* the evening exuded elegance and tranquility. VERITASians indulged in various pampering stations offering body massages, foot massages, and manicures, all complemented by soothing music featuring traditional instruments like the *'seruling'*.

The festivities included an exciting lucky draw with many valuable prizes adding an element of thrill to the night. Before the evening concluded, the best-dressed VERITASian was announced, celebrating those who perfectly embodied the all-white dress code with style and grace. Following this recognition, the night culminated in a lively drum circle, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among all attendees. The VERITAS Annual Dinner was a memorable celebration of relaxation, joy, and togetherness, perfectly capping off a day filled with meaningful experiences.

CloudTech and DataCentre Conference

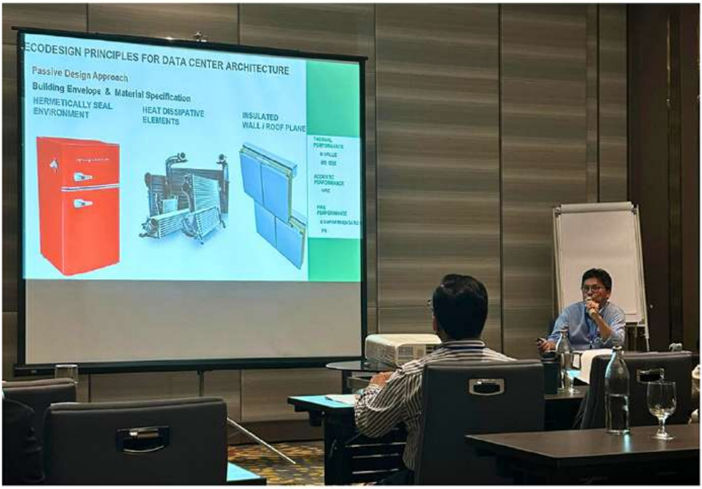
On 7th August, VERITAS Principal Edward Chew was one of the speakers at the CloudTech and DataCentre Conference 2024 held at Pullman Kuala Lumpur City Centre. Edward discussed Ecodesign Principles for Data Centre Architecture, focusing on carbon footprint measurement and reduction strategies, as well as methods for minimizing the environmental impact of data centres.



Stream 2: Design, Construction & Energy Efficiency

Edward Chew
Principal
Veritas Architects Sdn Bhd

Ecodesign Principles for Data Centre Architecture


ECODESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR DATA CENTER ARCHITECTURE
Passive Design Approach
Building Envelope & Material Specification
HERMETICALLY SEAL ENVIRONMENT
HEAT DISSIPATIVE ELEMENTS
INSULATED WALL / ROOF PLANE

ASEAN Architects Book Exhibition

On the 7th to 11th August, the ASEAN Architects Book Exhibition was held in Indonesia Convention Exhibition (ICE) BSD City Jakarta, it was a significant event celebrating architectural excellence across Southeast Asia. VERITAS made a prominent impact by showcasing its latest monograph, capturing the firm's innovative designs and groundbreaking projects. The exhibition provided a platform for architects, designers, and industry professionals to explore cutting-edge trends and share insights. The VERITAS monograph attracted considerable attention, reflecting the firm's commitment to pushing the boundaries of architecture and design.

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BRICKS 2024 Student Work Exhibition Opening Ceremony

On 9th August, VERITAS ESG SWAT President Chu Jia Jun, together with the Taylor's College Industry Advisory Panel, officially inaugurated the BRICKS 2024 Student Work Exhibition. We are proud to have the VERITAS Fund for Excellence (VFE) as one of the sponsors of this event, which celebrates creativity, achievement, and the promising future of design.

BRICKS 2024 Student Work Exhibition

Mini-Lecture

On 10th August, VERITAS Senior Architect Daryl Law delivered a closing mini-lecture titled *'Between a Log and a Hard Place: Drawing and Making Architecture in the Anthropocene'* at Taylor's University BRICKS 2024 Student Work Exhibition. Daryl highlighted two fundamental principles that have shaped his journey from student to professional: the value of hand drawing and making in project development, and the importance of hands-on learning across disciplines to grasp climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable building technologies.

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MR. DARYL LAW ZHE
SENIOR ARCHITECT
Veritas Design Group

Part 3 Professional Practice Course Workshop

On 10th August, VERITAS Principal Syah Kamaruddin served as a featured speaker at the Part 3 Professional Practice Course Workshop held at the PAM Centre. Syah's in-depth insights on PAM Contract & Management resonated deeply with all attendees, leaving a lasting impact. It was a rewarding opportunity to share knowledge and engage with fellow industry professionals in an enriching and collaborative environment.

Taylor's Tropical Highrise Studio

On 13th August, VERITAS Architects Chu Jia Jun, Daryl Law, Ridhwan Ahmad and Qawiem Yusman were among the panelists for the master's students at Taylor's Tropical Highrise Studio. Their insights and expertise contributed to a stimulating and constructive discussion, offering valuable feedback to the students as they refine their innovative designs.

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Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence at the

BCI Asia Top 10 Architects Award

We are thrilled to announce that on 17th August VERITAS has once again been recognized as one of BCI Asia's Top 10 Architects for 2024.

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Perspectives on Urban Green in Malaysia Forum

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Network Malaysia & Brunei
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VERITAS Greencheck is our customized sustainability design tool endorsed by UNGCMYB
https://theveritasdesigngroup.com/sustainability/

VERITAS Greencheck

The application of sustainability principles tools and strategies at an early design stage can have the greatest impact on cost and performance.

On 17th August VERITAS Senior Architect Chu Jia Jun took the stage as a featured speaker at the Perspectives on Urban Green in Malaysia forum, hosted by PAM at the Dewan Presiden, PAM Centre KL. His presentation, titled *'VERITAS Green Check: Eco-Warriors Living in a Green Dot'* offered valuable insights into sustainable urban development and VERITAS' commitment to creating environmentally conscious spaces. The forum provided a platform for thought leaders to discuss the future of urban greenery in Malaysia, and Chu Jia Jun's contribution highlighted the innovative approaches VERITAS is taking in this crucial area.

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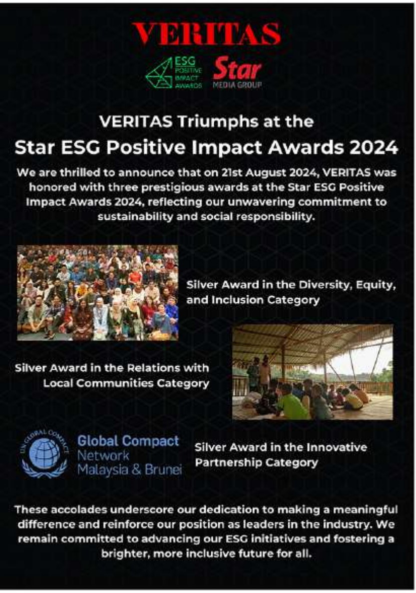
PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN GREEN IN MALAYSIA

The Star ESG Positive Impact Awards (ESG PIA) Award Ceremony



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VERITAS Triumphs at the

Star ESG Positive Impact Awards 2024

We are thrilled to announce that on 21st August 2024, VERITAS was honored with three prestigious awards at the Star ESG Positive Impact Awards 2024, reflecting our unwavering commitment to sustainability and social responsibility.

Silver Award in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Category

Silver Award in the Relations with Local Communities Category

Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei

Silver Award in the Innovative Partnership Category

These accolades underscore our dedication to making a meaningful difference and reinforce our position as leaders in the industry. We remain committed to advancing our ESG initiatives and fostering a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

On 21st August, VERITAS was honored with three Silver Awards at The Star ESG Positive Impact Awards (PIA) 2024, held at the Sheraton Hotel, Petaling Jaya. These awards, in the categories of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Relations with Local Communities, and Innovative Partnership, reflect our deep commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. Winning these accolades underscores our dedication to making a meaningful impact and reinforces our leadership in the industry. We are proud of this achievement and remain steadfast in our efforts to advance our ESG initiatives, fostering a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

Façade Design and Engineering Conference

On 22nd August, VERITAS Vice President Lillian Tay and Senior Associate Michael Tan took the stage as speakers at the prestigious Kuala Lumpur Exclusive Conference on Façade Design and Engineering, held at The St. Regis Hotel Kuala Lumpur. Their presentation, titled *'Façade Design: From Performance to Experience,'* offered insightful perspectives on how innovative façade design can transcend functionality to create meaningful and immersive architectural experiences.

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Lillian Tay
Vice President,
VERITAS Architects
COSENTINO
ASSOCIATE PARTNERS
FACADE DESIGN :
From Performance To Experience
Lillian Tay
&
Michael Tan
VERITAS ARCHITECTS
ZAK World of Façades
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WORLD OF FAÇADES

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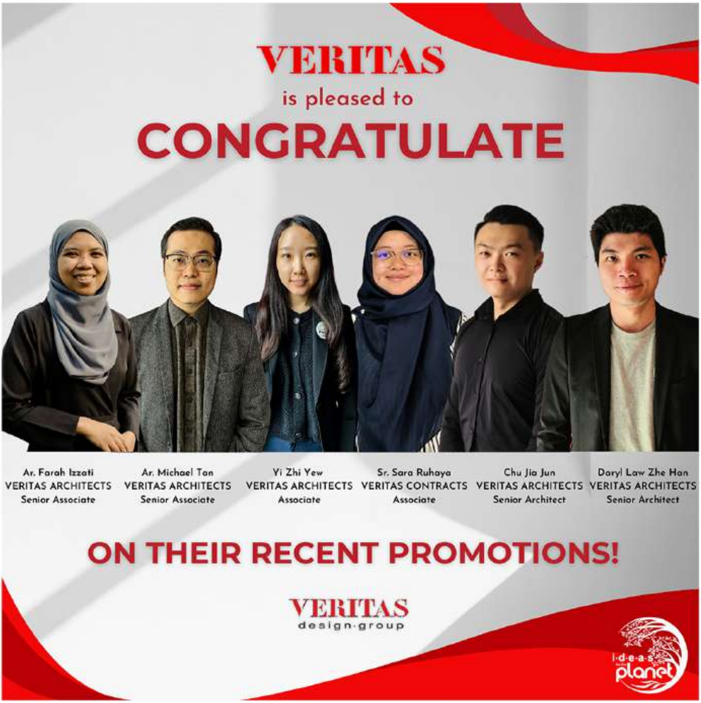
Announcement of VERITAS' New Senior Associate and Associate

During VERITAS' third staff quarterly meeting of 2024, six important promotions were announced. Ar. Farah Yusof and Ar. Michael Tan have been elevated to Senior Associates, while Architect Yi Zhi

Yew has been promoted to Associate. In the VERITAS Contracts team, our Senior Quantity Surveyor has advanced to Associate as well. Additionally, Architects Chu Jia Jun and Daryl Law have both been promoted to Senior Architects. Congratulations to all on these well-deserved achievements.



WHO'S CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY – AUGUST.

1. 3rd - Mohd Ashfak Sofian Mohd Rashid (VAKL)
2. 6th - Mohd Fazly Bin Ab Latif (VAKL)
3. 7th - Mohd Ibrahim Bin Mohd Karim (VAKL)
4. 7th - Khairi Izwan Bin Zakaria (VAJB)
5. 8th - Muhammad Munawir Bin Md Raffi (VAKL)
6. 8th - Zunuraqil Bin Zailani (VAKL)
7. 9th - Noor Saiful Safie (VAPG)
8. 11th - Tan Chun Rong (V Planning)
9. 12th - Chow Pui Teng (VAKL)

10. 12th - Azami Ismail (V Contracts)
11. 13th - Wan Zalelawati Binti Wan Mohamad (VAJB)
12. 13th - Rohazlan bin Mat Rasid (V Planning)
13. 14th - Devi A/P Subramaniam (VAJB)
14. 15th - Nurulhuda Binti Mhd (VAJB)
15. 16th - Wan Nur Aimuni Izzati (V Landscape)
16. 20th - Ahmad Faruq Zulkifli (VAPG)
17. 21st - Hairulnizar B. Pardi (VAKL)
18. 23rd - Flory Ann Kinkito Gajo (V Interiors)
19. 24th - Rozaini Bin Majid (VAKL)
20. 25th - Che Amiludin Bin Che Harun (VAKL)
21. 25th - Noorhisham Bin Mokhtar (VAKL)
22. 26th - Saniah Binti Ibrahim (VAKL)
23. 26th - Ashwin A/L Mohan (V Interiors)
24. 28th - Azlisham B Kassim (VAKL)
25. 29th - Ahmad Azri Bin Idrus (VAKL)
26. 29th - Syavira Angelina Chin (V Landscape)
27. 30th - Jimmy Bin Othman (V Interiors)

NEW HIRES

V Planning

Sandra Chew
Assistant Town Planner

INTERNS

VAKL

Dhia Zaidan
Intern Architect

Nur Anis Syazwani
Intern Architect

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