

## Ho Ho Ho!!! Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!!

In this month's e-news, the last for 2019, we are pleased to present the topic of **Transit-Oriented Development** or TOD, the recent **2nd VERITAS Leadership Retreat** for 2019 and many other interesting "happenings" at VERITAS.

## TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

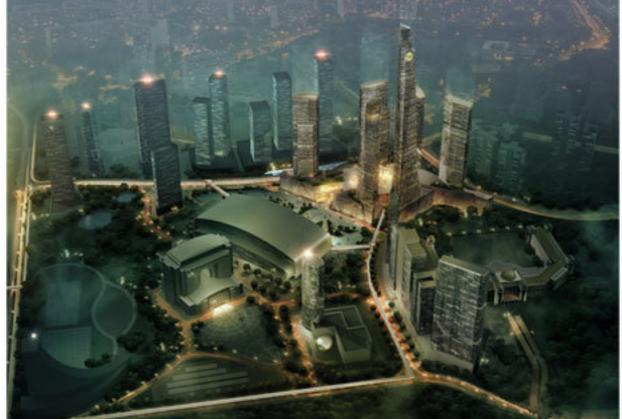
The term Transit Oriented Development (TOD) refers to a **high-density mixed-use development located within 400m radius of a mass rapid transit system**. The planning of a TOD provides seamless connectivity to the station, via pedestrian and cycling-friendly infrastructure with the aim of **encouraging public usage of the transit system** while reducing vehicular traffic congestion and dependence on driving. It is considered to be the most vibrant, liveable and sustainable form of urban development.

The first TOD in Malaysia was the Pudu Raya Bus Station and mixed-use development, completed in 1976 in Kuala Lumpur. It was almost immediately congested and after 30 years it was rejuvenated and expanded (undertaken by VERITAS).

A more recent example of TOD is KL Sentral which was built over the Kuala Lumpur rail yards with the transit station located at the centre of the development. Unfortunately, it was not planned well and the site been hindered by poor connectivity and traffic congestion.

Penang Sentral, another project by VERITAS, is a TOD with Rail, Bus, Ferry and future Transit systems integrated with retail, commercial and residential components in the future.

## KL METROPOLIS





## PUDURAYA SENTRAL









