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## **Architectural Rejuvenation of Muzium Negara Exhibition at NU Sentral by MRCB**

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**Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, 5 September 2014** – Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) today hosted an exhibition by a group of 12 Masters of Architecture students from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University (RMIT) to promote academics and pursue cutting edge concepts in urban regeneration.

In the exhibition that was opened to the public held at the NU Sentral retail mall main concourse from 10am to 7pm, the artful and breathtaking renditions by the students helped cast a new light on Muzium Negara, one of the most iconic structures in Malaysia that has become part of the country's architectural landscape.

Prior to the exhibition, the students each presented their individual course work to their lecturer as a requirement for their final examinations, as the public and MRCB watched them share their original ideas.

The students who comprise six Malaysians, two Australians, two from the People's Republic of China and one each from Austria, Singapore and Korea had spent time drawing inspiration from the exterior and internal dimension of the Muzium Negara building on Tuesday after canvassing the Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD a day earlier.

The CBD that doubles as Malaysia's premier transportation is also a main feature of the students' final course work, which requires them to incorporate the transportation hub into their design submission. The overall idea is to rejuvenate the Muzium Negara and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century Kuala Lumpur landscape.

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Sharing his thoughts on welcoming the students to Kuala Lumpur Sentral CDB, Encik Imran Tan Sri Mohamad Salim, MRCB's GCOO said, "This is truly a unique opportunity to discover a fresh new angle on MRCB's proposed 'museum deck' linkage between SSKL and Muzium Negara.

"I met up with the Director of the design studio under RMIT's School of Architecture and Design and invited them to explore, the unique 'museum deck' linkage, which will provide a fresh urban landscape for KLites. At the same time, this deck will be an important linkway for pedestrians and commuters between SSKL, Muzium Negara, the upcoming MRT Station and even Tasik Perdana beyond the Muzium Negara".

Meanwhile, Jan van Schaik who is a Director of Minifie van Schaik Architects and a lecturer and PHD candidate at the RMIT University School of Architecture & Design said, "We are honoured to participate in the development of the idea behind this future landscaped deck project. The students were briefed to expand the basic concept and take it to a different level. We are confident the new designs by the students will create a much rejuvenated landscape for the Muzium Negara".

The one-day exhibition was attended by officials from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), Khazanah Nasional and Department of Museums. Members of the public were also able to view the exhibition for free at the NU Sentral main concourse.

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MRCB is a leading urban property and infrastructure developer in the country. The Group specialises in civil, environmental and energy infrastructure development including beach rehabilitation projects, road works, road concessions, educational colleges, hospitals, power plants, and is the nation's biggest developer of high-voltage transmission networks. As the master developer of Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, MRCB has constructed eight green buildings for this largest transport hub development in Malaysia, which also has the most number of FIABCI award winning buildings in one single location. We are also the developer for the premier urban regeneration project, PJ Sentral Garden City.

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