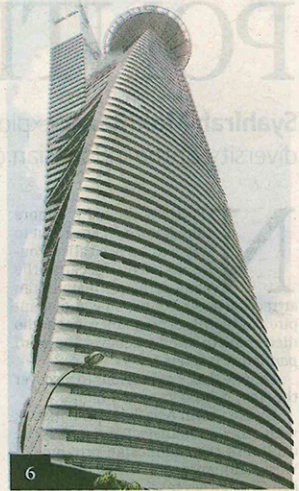
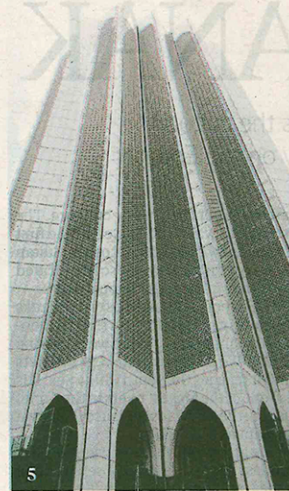


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ments. The building comprises a 35-storey office tower, a two-level shopping arcade and a juxtaposed structure housing the General Post Office. The floor layout of the tower is constructed from a simple geometry of interlocking squares. A fretwork of eight-point stars and repeating polygons cover the tower facade and lancet arches adorn its bottom section. Plans are underway to build a new 80-storey tower and to demolish the shopping arcade. The re-development is expected to be completed in 2019.

**6 TELEKOM TOWER, JALAN PANTAI BAHRU**

With its roots firmly in the ground, a sprouting bamboo shoot is always reaching for greater heights in the sky. As these traits represent the corporate values of Telekom, it is therefore befitting that its corporate HQ resemble a bamboo shoot. At 310m, the tower comprises 55 stories atop a four-level podium car park. The eastern and western facades see terraced gardens providing natural shade. The facade of the building is banded with louvred windows that conceal catwalks designed for maintenance. Costing RM600 million, the tower was completed in 2003.

**7 MENARA MATRADE, JALAN SULTAN HAJI AHMAD SHAH**

Built in 2007, this building is referenced after an abstract version of an iwan, an important element of Islamic architectural design. Repeating geometric motifs adorn the facade of



the building. This 23-storey building houses the Matrade Exhibition & Convention Centre, which comprises three exhibition halls, ballroom, nine function rooms, theatre and an amphitheatre.

**8 NATIONAL MUSEUM, JALAN DAMANSARA**

Completed in 1961, the museum stands on the ground of the former Selangor Museum which was destroyed during WWII. The museum was inspired by the Balai Besar of the Istana Kota Setar in Alor Setar, Kedah. Its structure parallels the three elements of a traditional Malay house: Floor standing on stilts, main body and pitched gable roof. The east and west wings are each supported by 13 columns that represented the then 13 states of Malaysia at that time. Two massive murals drawn in batik style

depicting cultural events adorn the facade of the building. The building has been described as an example of neo-traditionalism.

**9 FT SYARIAH COURT, TAMAN SRI HARTAMAS**

This magnificent structure looks like it has been transported from the pages of an Ali Baba tale to the city. Consisting of six stories, the complex comprises four blocks enclosing a central landscaped garden, complete with fountains. It houses 16 court rooms, meeting rooms, arbitration rooms, dining hall, cafeteria, library and a police station with 36 lock-up cells. There's a main dome and five smaller domes. Lancet arches complement the domes. Costing RM96 million, the 37,500 sq metre structure was completed in 2010.

**10 NATIONAL PLANETARIUM, PERDANA BOTANICAL GARDEN**

The National Planetarium sprawls over a nine-hectare site on a hillock in the Perdana Botanical Garden. The infusing of Islamic design elements in its architecture produced a main structure capped by a blue dome that resembles a mosque and an observatory tower that looks like a minaret. The front courtyard is adorned with an eight-point star-shaped pond from which water tumbles over a series of steps to another identical pond on the ground level. Inside the second pond stands an ancient sundial shaped like a curved band. Replicas of ancient astronomical structures in China, India and England are found in its grounds.