Blogger on food hunt in Penang by crystal chiam shiying



Owens (left) speaking to the local media at the Tourism and Culture Ministry's Penang office in Beach Street. With him is Jonathan (in blue shirt).

DON'T be surprised if you see an Englishman moving around Penang island on an electric scooter hunting for food.

Famous blogger Steve Owens has more than 127,000 subscribers in his Steve's Kitchen channel on YouTube and he is in George Town to find out why Penang is called a food heaven.

"I've tried different types of food in Penang, and the list is still growing.

"I love *char koay teow*. The best I tried so far was the charcoal *char koay teow* in Perak Road," said Owens, who is now residing in Melbourne, Australia.

He said this when meeting the press at the Tourism and Culture Ministry's Penang office in Beach Street, George Town, after arriving some two weeks ago.

Owens said he would be filming Penang food, tourist attractions and hotels and would upload them to his YouTube channel.

"At the same time, I would also like to learn some recipes of the Penang street food, the Nyonya cuisine and local fusion food.

"I can learn more in my five-week stay here," he said on Tuesday.

Tourism and Culture Ministry Penang director Jonathan Freddy Bagang said Owens has a hugeglobal audience and shares his food experience with his subscribers.

"He is promoting our food and the places.

"He is also partnering with local food lovers and producers to learn as much as he can about Penang's food history and recipes.

"This would help promote our tourism industry," he said.

Owens and his wife Michelle would be leaving Penang in the middle of next month.