

**Have a look:** Boey showing plans for the food mall at the Penang Times Square.



## A food mall to spice up Penang

A FOOD mall, a new food outlet concept in the northern region, is taking shape at the Penang Times Square in George Town, with the first phase expected to be ready by the end of next month.

Under the first phase, there will be a food court with 20 outlets offering 200 choices of food, including local hawker delights and Western food. There will also be a Tao buffet cuisine restaurant.

Boey Chee Kun, Penang Times Square's personal assistant to group managing director, said there would be 500 parking spots in the first phase and 600 lots in the second phase, located on the complex's fourth floor.

He said the food mall's second phase, which would consist of cafes, Thai and Indonesian food outlets and a steamboat restaurant, would be ready after Chinese New Year next year.

"We aim to complete the third phase by the end of next year.

"Although it is still in the planning stage, we'll most likely be inviting more local operators to participate in our plan," said Boey.

He said many countries like Singapore and Hong Kong had adopted this food mall concept.

"Penang is a famous hub for food; thus with this concept, it will attract more and more people to the island.

"Customers can look forward to easy access to parking lots and eating quality food in a comfortable atmosphere," said Boey.

He said the prices would be almost similar to those of a hawker centre.

There will also be a central kitchen for tenants.

"The central kitchen is a place where the tenants will be able to get their ingredients like vegetables, meat and so on instead of going to the market to get them," he said.