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Colin Wong, Food & Beverage Manager of the E&O Penang, shares some of what it's like behind the scenes of the hotel industry.

# What do you do and how did you get into the industry?

During a long school holiday after GCE' N' level examination, I worked as a part-time waiter. I fell in love with this industry and haven't look back ever since.

# What's the best part of your job?

My job is not fully desk-bound, and it's very operational. This involves interacting with different people. From new guests at the breakfast room to the regular guests at the bar. This keeps things fun and varied.

# What's your favourite food and beverage pairing?

Champagne with dim sum.

# What's one of the scariest things you've seen behind the scenes?

Years back, when I was working in an island resort, we caught a python that was around three-metres long in one of our restaurant kitchens!

# The perfect day off would be...

... lazing on a sundeck chair by the poolside with a book.

#### A day in the life of Colin Wong is...

My day begins around 8 am and finishes around 9 pm. As it is an operational job scope, the majority of my time is spent in the F&B outlets or event venues. Every day is a different day as there are different sets of challenges and different people to meet.

#### What's something you'd like guests to know about E&O?

E&O symbolises Penang.

# What's something you'd like people to know about being a food & beverage manager as a profession?

We are like magicians. From organising a surprise birthday party to a wedding proposal dinner; we have many tricks up our sleeves.

#### What's your view on the food scene in Penang?

Penangites love food and enjoy dining out. The primary key is to maintain good quality food with great service.

#### What's in store for you in the upcoming months?

We will introduce a new beverage menu focusing on aged cocktails, craft spirits and also wine pairing with more Penang-influenced cuisine such as Nyonya.

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