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The walls are adorned with the likeness of an Egyptian queen, her crown with its half-raised cobra-head apparent. There are hieroglyphics on the wall. The colours are sombre and depict an ancient era. Here in this place, you can sit down and ponder, while having a pint of bitter, too.

No, you are not in ancient Egypt, and you don't have to travel too far to get there. Actually this is a new café, opened very recently at Dongongon, Penampang.

The ambience in Egypt is very interesting and worth looking up, even if you just want to pore over the writing on the wall.

The owner, Alvyn Marcus of Penampang, is interested in presenting something 'avant garde' to his customers.

"I have always been involved in this sort of business, because I believe that there is a lot of potential in this line. As for my café, we serve beer, soft drinks and hot beverages here. We also hope to get our liquor permit soon."

"Besides the drinks, we also have several stalls outside of the cafe. The stalls will offer barbecued chicken wings, roasted fish and several other western foods."

He shares that the main idea of the cafe is for people to come together and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. The ambience is conducive for friendly discussions, or for people to just sit down and listen to piped music, or watch television.

"We will be installing a wide screen to accommodate the world cup soon," Alvyn says, adding that this will allow customers to meet their friends outside the house without missing the football game.

There is also a pool table there for those who wish to indulge in a game or two. A dart corner is also available. The seating capacity for the cafe is 200 to 300 people, so accommodating football fans should not be a problem.

He says he will be quite happy to accommodate groups, so if you are bringing your tourists and visitors to this area, Egypt may be a good place to go. Alvyn and his team of dedicated helpers will take care of you.

The café is located at Block H, Dongongon Square, Penampang. It is open from 4pm to 2am on weekends and 4pm to 1am on weekdays.

So if you are at Dongongon now, look this outlet up.

