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Pizzas with papa's touch

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AMERICA's famed Papa John Pizza has made its way to Malaysia with two new outlets.

Papa John was created in Indiana, USA, 25 years ago by John Schnatter, who worked as a delivery boy before learning the ropes of the business.

The flagship restaurant was opened in Berjaya Times Square and the second one made its debut in IOI Mall Puchong recently.

Based on the similar idea of its main company, the franchise owned by Berjaya Pizza Company Sdn Bhd adopted a more Malaysian approach for its outlets.



Good to the last bite: The Calzone or more popularly known as Pizza pocket at Papa John.

"The stores in the US focus more on delivery and good pizzas but here in Malaysia, people enjoy a good meal at a good place," said the company's marketing manager Joey Lee.

The company intends to expand to 10 restaurants before the end of the year.

The menu had 14 different types of pizzas that diners could choose from but Joey recommended the four classic pizzas that could be found in any Papa John outlets around the world.

"We have the original crust and the thin crust but I recommend the original crust. One of the must-try pizzas is the Super Papa's," Joey added.

Super Papa's is made with beef Pepperoni, Italian Beef Sausage, chicken rolls, mushrooms, green peppers, onions and black olives.

According to Joey the four unique selling points of Papa John were its fresh dough which is chilled, their pizza sauce made from fresh tomatoes canned six hours after plucking, fresh quality meat and its 100% mozzarella cheese.

For vegetarians, they also have a special pizza called the Garden Special which has fresh mushrooms, green pepper, onions, tomatoes, and black olives.

Specialty pizzas include Texas heat, Aloha Chicken, Hawaiian Papa, Fisherman's Catch and Land and Sea.

The pizzas are served with the house speciality signature extras called Garlic Dipping Sauce & Pepperoncinis.



Yummy bread: Soft Bread sticks made from dough that is not frozen but chilled to ensure the softness.

For a more handy pizza, one could try the Calzone or more popularly known as Pizza pocket at Papa John. It looked more like a large Cornish pasty but it had pizza toppings and cheese stuffed inside.

"Our desserts are a must try and many people go for the Ipanema Chocolate Cake," she said.

The outlets also deliver within a radius of eight to 10 minutes and have combo meals as well. For dine in, Papa John's has meals for two, four or six people.

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA , Ground Floor, Berjaya Times Square (2141 7272) and Ground Floor – New Wing, IOI Mall, Puchong (8070 7272). Business hours: 10am - 11pm daily.



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