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Calzone – a must-try at Papa John's



The Super Papa's pizza.



Lee and senior outlet manager Jeffrey Chan presenting the various Papa John's choices available.

# Pizza that titillates

INTERNATIONAL CHAIN PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA OFFERS MALAYSIANS GREAT FOOD AND AMBIENCE AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

by **Thomas Yap**

**GOING** by the motto of 'Better Ingredients, Better Pizza', the food at Papa John's Pizza is value for money when taste, ambience and portion are tallied.

After all, it is not ranked No.1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) for nine consecutive years since 1999 for nothing.

The very first Papa John's outlet opened for business at Berjaya Times Square on Dec 22. There are plans to open eight more outlets in Klang Valley this year.

What makes Papa John's pizza unique is the dough. The taste of the crust is like freshly baked bread itself effectively complementing the ingredients which are all shipped fresh to their restaurant on a daily basis.

At the same time, Papa John's menu aims to stay true to its original recipes unlike other pizza outlets that have attempted to localise their dishes.

Of the 14 selections available, four are Papa John's signature dishes. The Super Papa's tops the list as it tempts your taste buds with the classic combination of either a tasty bit of beef pepperoni or chicken, which is mixed with Italian beef sausage, fresh mushrooms, green peppers, onions and black olives.

Second on the list is the must-try Calzone or, in layman terms, a pizza pocket. Looking like a gigantic curry puff, Italians would say it is a pizza folded in half.

Don't let its plain exterior deceive you, like many things the surprise lies inside. The chicken and mushroom Calzone has tenderly grilled chicken, fresh mushrooms and Mozzarella cheese which oozes out the moment the calzone

is cut open.

The perfect blend of ingredients makes this appetizer a mouth watering experience. To add to its flavour, a special pizza sauce of freshly ground tomatoes is served alongside it. You can also enjoy the pocket pizza with pepperoni and mushroom.

The restaurant works wonders with Mozzarella cheese. For cheese lovers, eating the chicken Alfredo pasta and cheese sticks straight out of the kitchen is a must.

The menu also caters to those who cannot go without rice. Two types of baked rice are readily available, garnished with garlic and pepper – chicken and mushroom and the all-beef-special.

Other ingredients added are fresh tomatoes and mushrooms which are topped with Mozzarella cheese and mushroom sauce.

For those with a sweet tooth, the Ipanema chocolate and American cheesecake would appeal to them while children will find delight in the ice cream.

You can also enjoy a good cup of coffee – they use illy here – as an after-meal beverage or something to keep you awake after a satisfying meal.

Customers can also see for themselves how the food is prepared through a clear



Customers get to view how their pizzas are being made.

glass window. Check out how special spike-like objects are used to punch holes into the dough to ensure it bakes evenly.

There is also a special smoking section in the restaurant or customers can opt to dine alfresco.

Papa John's marketing manager Joey Lee Chew-huia said: "We never compromise on the quality of the food served here. There is a food tasting session conducted prior to opening each day."

Lee said that the restaurant caters for dine-in only at the moment but delivery services will be available in February.

*Papa John's Pizza is located at the ground floor of Berjaya Times Square and is open daily from 10am to 10pm. For reservations, call 03-21417272.*

## Ninko at Shangri-La



**CHINESE** New Year comes early this year in the form of Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur Hotel's signature fish-shaped ninko delicacy.

A sweet and sticky pudding made from brown sugar and glutinous rice flour, ninko is a 'must-have' during the Chinese New Year.

An ancient Chinese myth tells of a Kitchen God who gives an annual report to the Jade Emperor in Heaven on the family he resides

with. Ninko is apparently served to secure a good report.

An ideal gift for family and friends, the fish shape represents 'yue' in Cantonese or 'abundance in wealth' and is priced at RM38nett each from now to Jan 25.

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