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# Pizza Ria...

**P**IZZA has made its way into the hearts or rather the stomach of Sabahans, judging by the crowds that flock into eateries that offer pizzas in their main menu.

Currently, there are four eateries that I know of which offer pizza in their menu.

One of these outlets is the Pizza Ria, sited at Damai Point Luyang has jumped on the bandwagon and is actively promoting its pizza offerings.

The best part is Ramlee Effandy the Executive Chef has invented various kinds of Pizza for their customers.

It may be quite silly to talk about 'inventing' pizza, but it applies to what Ramlee has done for Pizza Ria.

"The Pizza here is cooked with our local palate in mind. We want pizzas that suit the local taste but without compromising the food. For instance we have the Hot Tuna with onion, mushroom and chilli, and black pepper. It's a mildly hot. Just like how the locals like it."

"However, that does not mean all our pizzas are hot though. We have 16 types of pizza for our customers to choose from. We have the Beef Bacon, the chicken and mushroom, Hawaiiana, Margherita, Napoleone and Paesana. Then there is the Pizza Ria style which is actually pizza topped with spicy tuna, sliced bacon, onions, mushrooms and eggs."

He adds that the other pizzas available are Regina, Salami, Seafood Extravaganza, Smoked Salmon, Turkey ham and Mushroom as well as Vegetarian.

As if to stress on the originality of the offerings in the eatery, Ramlee says their other pride is the outlet array of baked rice.

"A choice of five exquisite offerings is made avail-



able for our customers who would like to opt for rice instead of pizzas.

There is the Chicken Baked Rice – a boneless chicken sliced and deep fried with mushroom and baked in special gravy. The other dish is the Chicken Curry baked rice. This is quite interesting and should be tried by all. The fish baked rice and salmon and mushroom baked rice are also highly recommended."

The seafood baked rice is truly a personal favourite. Baked with prawns, fish fillet and squids, the rice gives a distinct taste to everyone who eats it. Moreover, they can even have mussels if they like.

The traditional main dish menu is quite extensive. This is to ensure that customers have a mixture of choices as not everybody who walks in wants to eat pizza or if they are regulars they might want to try something new.

This is where the main dish comes in. There are seven on the menu presently. The chicken chop comes first. This delicious boneless chicken is served with broccoli, cauliflower and asparagus. One can also opt to eat the dish with some rice or even pasta.

The stewed chicken dish comes next, which is a quarter chicken meat served with vegetable of the day. Then there is the sirloin steak, with a choice of sauce. You can have it with the black pepper sauce, the mushroom sauce or the herb butter sauce with seasonal vegetable and wedges.

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