Thai Sausage - Chiang Mai Sausage

This recipe is a compilation of tastes and notes from the North of Thailand and I think it is very close to the real thing. Of course I am convinced much of the real Chiang Mai Sausage taste is accented by the fumes of the tuk-tuks, dust, and the smell of the roasting sausages on the coals while the street vendor prepares them and the laughter of children that fills the air.....or is it the Singha?

5 lb. Pork butt- minced/diced/coarse grind

2 cups Fresh garlic, minced (kratiem)

1 cup Cilantro leaves, chopped (pak chee)

1 Tbs. Cilantro root/stems, chopped/pounded (pak chee)

½ cup Fish sauce (nam pla)¹

½ cup Red curry paste (Mae Ploy in the tub)

¹/₄ cup Lemon grass, sliced, minced and pounded (takrai)

1/4 cup. Shallot, minced

2 tsp. Galangal, minced (kha)

1 tsp. Peppercorns, canned, mashed (phrik thai)

24-30 Thai Chiles, minced (Phrik Chee Fa)

24 pair Kaffir Lime leaves, finely sliced (magroot)

32mm hog casing - prepared



Method:

- 1. Combine all ingredients except the pork and pound into a paste.
- 2. Mix paste thoroughly with the pork.
- 3. Stuff into sausage casing and tie-off in 4" lengths.
- 4. Refrigerate overnight to allow flavors to blend.

This is served fried with fresh Thai Chiles, Basil, and sticky rice. I also use it cut up and browned in Chile Chicken Fried Rice. (Recipe follows)

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¹ Golden Boy is a good brand

Chicken Chile Fried Rice

This is a great recipe for leftover rice. It is important that the rice is thoroughly chilled and not mushy or too moist. You need the rice kernels to be separate. I just substitute the sausage for the chicken or use ½ chicken and ½ sausage

4 cups Jasmine Rice*, cold left over from refrigerator

6 to 8 ounces of boneless chicken breast cut into bite sized pieces

- 2 Tablespoons chopped garlic
- 2 Tablespoons of vegetable oil
- 3 Tablespoons of Oyster Sauce (I prefer the Thai Oyster Sauce, Maekrua Lee Kum Kee)
- 6 to 8 Thai chilies diced (wear rubber gloves when chopping and touching)
- 2 Tablespoons of Fish Sauce (Golden Boy is excellent)

Add a generous sprinkling of white pepper.

Smoked dry chilies ground up for garnish and extra heat *Optional

1 inch pieces red and yellow bell peppers

½" pieces red onion

1-2 eggs beaten and fried in a separate pan, sprinkle w/white pepper, slice and add at the end

Method:

- 1. Heat a well seasoned pan (wok is best)
- 2. Add the oil and heat until hot, add the chicken stir fry,
- 3. Add the onions and bell peppers, fry
- 4. Add the garlic and chopped chilies when chicken is still pink
- 5. Add the Oyster Sauce,
- 6. Add the rice (make sure all big chunks are broken up)
- 7. Stir fry
- 8. Add the egg pieces
- 9. Add the fish sauce and Krapao and stir until leaves are wilted
- 10. Garnish with Cilantro/Basil leaves and sliced cucumber

Allow about 1½ cups of rice per person for a main course. This is so easy and tasty.

I like the smokiness of roasted chilies in this dish, and sometimes I add this as I stir-fry.

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^{*}Thai Hom Mali jasmine is the best