Thai Deep-Fried Shrimp Cakes (Tod Mun Goong)

Yield: 10–12 shrimp cakes

Ingredients

Shrimp Cake Mixture:

- 1¹/₄ pounds (500g) fresh shrimp, peeled, deveined, and coarsely chopped (Frozen shrimp may be used but should be fully thawed and drained)
- 1 teaspoon white pepper powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 tablespoons Cassava flour

Coating:

• 2 cups panko breadcrumbs (preferred for extra crispiness)

For Frying:

• Vegetable oil, for deep frying

Dipping Sauce:

• Thai sweet chili sauce or sweet plum dipping sauce

1. Prepare the Shrimp Mixture

- Rinse and pat dry the shrimp. Peel, devein, and coarsely chop.
- In a mixing bowl, combine the shrimp, salt, white pepper, and Cassava flour.
- Mix and knead the mixture until well combined.
- Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes to enhance texture and consistency.

2. Shape the Shrimp Cakes

- Take approximately 2 tablespoons of the shrimp mixture and shape it into a 2-inch patty.
- Lightly press to ensure the cakes hold their shape.

3. Coat the Shrimp Cakes

• Dredge each patty in **panko breadcrumbs**, pressing gently to ensure an even coating.

4. Deep-Fry the Shrimp Cakes

- Heat vegetable oil in a deep pan or pot to 350°F (175°C).
- Carefully place the shrimp cakes in the hot oil, frying in batches to avoid overcrowding.
- Fry for 3–4 minutes per side or until golden brown and crispy.
- Remove and drain on a paper towel-lined plate.

5. Serve

- Serve immediately with Thai sweet chili sauce or sweet plum dipping sauce.
- Enjoy while hot and crispy!

Thai Milk Tea (Cha Chak)

Yields: 2 servings

Ingredients:

- 300 ml (1 ¹/₄ cups) hot water
- 5 tablespoons ChaTraMue Number One Original Thai Tea Mix (can be ordered on Amazon)
- 2 tablespoons powdered creamer
- 1 ¹/₂ tablespoons sugar
- 50 ml (about 3 ¹/₂ tablespoons) sweetened condensed milk
- $60 \text{ ml} (\frac{1}{4} \text{ cup})$ evaporated milk
- 2 glasses filled with ice
- Additional evaporated milk for topping (optional)

Instructions:

1. Brew the Tea:

- Add the Thai tea mix to the hot water and stir well.
- Let it steep for 1 minute to extract flavor.

2. Strain the Tea:

• Pour the tea back and forth through a strainer 3–4 times to enhance its smoothness and aroma. (*The strainer is included when you order the tea online*.)

3. Mix in the Creamers & Sweeteners:

- Stir in the powdered creamer and sugar until fully dissolved.
- Add the sweetened condensed milk and evaporated milk, then mix well.

4. Aerate the Tea (Cha Chak Style):

• Pour the tea back and forth between two containers 4–5 times to create a frothy texture and enhance the fragrance.

5. Assemble the Drink:

- Fill two glasses with ice and pour the tea over it.
- Optionally, drizzle additional evaporated milk on top for a creamy finish.
- Stir before drinking and enjoy your refreshing Thai Milk Tea (Cha Chak)!