Mie Goreng

SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 shallots, rough chopped
- 1 long red chilli, de-seeded and chopped
- ½ tsp salt, plus extra to taste
- 4 eggs
- 1 quantity Basic Egg Noodles or 300g dry noodles
- 1 tsp sesame oil (if using dry noodles)
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 200g tofu or chicken, chopped bite-size
- 1 carrot, peeled and julienned or grated
- 1 capsicum, thinly sliced
- 8 snake beans or green beans, roughly chopped
- 4 spring onions, slice diagonally
- ¼ cup thick sweet soy sauce (kecap manis)
- ¼ cup light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp palm sugar
- 300g bok choy or Asian greens, roughly chopped
- 2cups bean sprouts (optional)
- 1 large handful of mixed Asian herbs, chopped
- 2 limes, sliced into wedges

METHOD:

- 1. If using the dry egg noddles, put a saucepan of water on to boil. Otherwise follow the cooking directions in the Basic Egg recipe
- 2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list
- 3. Pound the garlic, shallots and chilli using the mortar and pestle to create a paste, then add the half teaspoon of salt
- 4. Whisk the eggs in the bowl. Heat the wok, add 1 tablespoon of oil and then pour the egg mix into the wok and cook on a high heat until the mix is cooked right through and looks like a big omelette
- 5. Transfer the omelette to the chopping board. Roll and slice it up, and set it aside
- 6. If using dry noddles, boil the noodles for 2-3 minutes, drain and rinse with cold water. Toss through 1 teaspoon of sesame oil.
- 7. Heat the rest of the oil in the wok and, when hot, add the garlic and chilli paste. Cook for 30 seconds (Note: if the dish is too large you may need to cook it in two woks)
- 8. Add the tofu or chicken and fry for 1 minute
- 9. Add the carrot, capsicum, beans and spring onions, and cook for 2 minutes
- 10. Increase to a high heat and add the cooked noodles
- 11. Add the kecap manis, soy sauce and palm sugar, then mix well
- 12. Add some of the sliced omelette (reserve the rest for a garnish) and stir continuously for 30 seconds
- 13. Now add the greens and cook for about 4 minutes, stirring continuously.
- 14. Taste, and add salt as necessary
- 15. Top with bean sprouts and fresh herbs