Nasi Ambeng



Nasi Ambeng is a traditional dish of the Malay community from Javanese ethnicity that is believed to have been brought from Java through the process of human migration by maintaining the cultural customs of their ancestors together.

Nasi Ambeng is created from a combination of several dishes that are served in a large tray or tray lined with banana leaves. This dish comes with white rice and original side dishes such as stewed chicken (soy sauce), sambal goreng, coconut flakes, fried noodles, ikan masin bulu ayam (gereh) and rempeyek as an addition to the Nasi Ambeng dish. However, sometimes this main side dish has been replaced with ayam masak ungkep and now there are also versions of fried chicken and ayam masak merah depending on the ability and preparation of the host in entertaining his guests.

Nasi Ambeng is not categorized as a daily food but rather served in certain occasions such as rewang events, tahlil and doa selamat according to the calendar of the Javanese community. Usually, this traditional meal will be prepared for four to five guests in one talam. The Nasi Ambeng that is served is not intended to be eaten directly, but simply touched a little before being divided evenly and wrapped using banana leaves. Guests who attend will take home this dish to share with the whole family at home. It aims to ask for the blessings of sustenance obtained in addition to illustrating the strength of friendship among family members and the community.

Apart from the preparation of the main side dish and its different components, aspects of the science of taste in a food such as the use of cooking ingredients, taste and color also affect the identity and the region from which Nasi Ambeng is prepared not only in Selangor but in several other states such as Johor , Perak and Malacca. The dominance of the Javanese community that is based in several districts in Selangor still maintains the original culinary culture and has been expressed in the Nasi Ambeng dish. The determination of the original characteristics of Nasi Ambeng originating from Selangor has been finalized and gazetted as a National Heritage of the State of Selangor.













Among of dish to complete the Nasi Ambeng