Bihon with Pork Humba

Ingredients:

1 pack 454g Cornstarch Sticks (Bihon)

To make Pork Humba:

1 kilo liempo or pork belly

3/4 cup vinegar

3/4 cup soy sauce

1 tsp whole black peppercorns

2 tbsp minced garlic

2 tbsp tausi or salted black beans

1 tbsp tajure (tokwa) fermented bean curd

2 pcs bay leaves

2 pcs star anise

3-5 pieces dried chinese mushrooms,

pre-soaked in warm water

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup oil

1 1/2 cups water

1/2 tsp salt

enough water to cover pork some chinese cabbage, sliced to 1 inch strips

Cooking Instructions:

- 1. Mix all the following in a large bowl: vinegar, soy sauce, 3/4 cup vinegar, soy sauce, black peppercorns, garlic, tausi, tajure, bay leaves, star anise, brown sugar, sliced pre-soaked mushrooms including its liquid.
- 2. Use the above mixture to marinate liempo for at least 1 hour. To achieve best result, place liempo in plastic bag and pour in mixture. Seal and rest bag in a pan, turning it once or twice during the marination.
- 3. Remove liempo from the bag. Pan-fry in oil over medium heat until golden brown on both sides.
- 4. Pour in the marinade and add enough water to cover it. Place a lid and bring to a boil and then lower heat and allow to simmer until meat is tender, approximately 45 minutes. As sauce will thicken, taste and adjust seasoning by adding salt if necessary.
- 5. When cooled to room temperature, this cooked humba can be stored in the ref until needed. It is best to slice the humba into bite-size pieces when cold to keep its shape.

