Braised Short Ribs Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 kg beef short ribs, meaty parts scored
- 2 litres water
- 8 dried Shiitake mushrooms, soaked for 10 minutes, squeezed dry and sliced, discard stems
- 2 medium carrots, cut into bite-size chunks
- 6 chestnuts, shelled
- 1-2 stoned dried red dates, sliced

Marinade:

- 105 ml light soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons crushed garlic
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 150 ml pineapple syrup or pear juice
- 2 tablespoons cooking wine
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 2 scallions, chopped

Method:

Soak ribs for 20 minutes. Change the water several times. Drain and trim off fat from ribs. Combine marinade ingredients and place ribs in to marinate for 1 hour. Place ribs in a heavy-based pot. Add water and cook over medium heat until ribs are tender. This will take about 30-40 minutes. Add mushrooms, carrots and chestnuts then reduce heat to simmer for about 20-30 minutes. Serve hot, garnished with red dates.

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