**LIGHTLY PICKLED SPICY SALMON AND VEGETABLES**

*by Liu Wei*

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*This dish features a fresh, light, and refreshing flavor complimented by a nice sour and spicy taste.*

**Ingredients**

- 2 kg salmon
- white vinegar (enough to cover salmon strips and skin)
- 2 cups bean sprouts
- 1-2 cucumbers with most of the skin removed and cut into sticks
- 1 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 5-6 cloves fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon hot chili oil (to taste)
- 1 bunch Chinese broccoli (gai lan) - cut into 1-cm pieces
  - (slice stems lengthwise for faster cooking)
- 2 teaspoon salt (to taste)
- toasted sesame seeds and chopped bell pepper for garnish

**Method**

1. Wash, clean, and remove scales from the salmon.

2. Fillet the fish and cut the fish into strips leaving the skin attached (if preferred)

3. Pour white vinegar over the fish strips. Leave it to marinate for 5 minutes, drain, and repeat with fresh vinegar. Fish strips should turn whitish.

4. Grill or broil the fish strips. If the skin is used, place fish skin side down and heat until the skin curls and the meat is cooked. Remove from the grill and pour white vinegar over the strips. Leave it to marinate for 5 minutes, drain, and repeat with fresh vinegar.

5. Sauté Chinese broccoli with some of the sesame oil and the garlic; then combine fish strips, bean sprouts, cucumber, cilantro, garlic, sesame oil, chili oil, Chinese broccoli, and salt.

6. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and place sliced bell pepper on top for garnish before serving.

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