Ostrich egg 'kaya' a big hit

SUNGAI SIPUT: For the past two years, kaya lovers have been dropping by Ladang Infoternak here for a special

kind of kaya prepared exclusively at the farm.

The kaya is made from ostrich eggs laid by the 30 big birds there.

"People tell me our kaya tastes better and is smoother when it is spread on bread," said Norhayati Nor Yusof, manager of the farm's ostrich

She said one ostrich egg is equivalent to 20 chicken eggs and could be used to make up to 10 cups of kaya, which can stay fresh for two weeks.

A 250gm cup of the kaya,

cooked by the ladies working at the unit, costs RM3.

Norhayati said the idea of making kaya came while they were thinking of ways to make

use of the infertile eggs. At least 20% of the 100-odd eggs laid a month would be infertile.

"The kaya turned out to be popular, so we made about 40 cups a month.
"It tastes like ordinary kaya,"

only made from different eggs," said Norhayati while answering some doubts about the flavour of the delicacy.

At the current 4th Ipoh International Orchid Festival 2004, held in conjunction with the Perak Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen's Day 2004, Norhayati and her colleagues took the opportunity to sell the kaya, as well as nasi lemak with ostrich meat, decorated eggshells and other ostrich-related products.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak launched

Seri Najib Tun Kazak launched the festival yesterday. Some 1,600 orchids from Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar and India are on display, which included the latest hybrid of the colour-ful Dendribium Curly orchid, to be named Dendribium Najib Tun Razak.

Ladang Infoternak, located at Sungai Siput Utara about 5km from here, is the Perak Veteri-Services Department's farm-cum-research facility that rears ostriches, goats, rabbits, deer and other livestock



OSTRICH PRODUCTS: Ladang Infoternak general worker Saniah Karim holding up cups of ostrich egg 'kaya' and a painted ostrich egg shell which were being sold during the orchid festival at Sungai Siput Saturday.

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