

### [Keelung Night Market 3]

#### **“Are you being served, madam?”**

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Keelung night market is undoubtedly a glutton's paradise. However, when you visit this place and want to order your meal, you are bound to find the service fast and special. Let's see how these bosses of food stands are running their businesses!

#### *The Service Styles of Ding-Bian-Cuo*

When it is about the dinner time, you can see that the two eateries by the temple filled with customers and the seats are never vacant. It is very common that people expect to enjoy their meals but cannot find a seat inside the eateries. Don't go away, however. A waiter will come at once and ask you to sit on the temple's lower stairs and says,

“The stairs is clean. How many bowls? We'll serve soon.”

Undoubtedly, enjoying **Ding-Bian-Cuo** on the temple stairs will make you feel as if you were a member of those locals.

A special thing is that waiters are trained well for serving foods and for speaking fast so as not to lose customers. It seems that these waiters around the temple develop their gestures, so when they raise their hands and pass on messages, the cooks in the stands are able to know what it mean and prepare for the delicious food right away. This gesturing is expedient because these waiters don't need to yell, or walk to and fro between the two spots. They are smart, aren't they?

#### *The Service Styles of Pork and pettitoes*

Being a bit distant from the road of food stands, this restaurant is famous for its pork and pettitoes and thin noodles. Although it doesn't have a showy shop sign, this restaurant's high-priced foods attract a lot of customers every day.

Let's see how good its service is.

If you visit here first time, you might feel weird because there is no menu in this restaurant. What you have to do are to decide your portions of pork or pettitoes, and portions of thin noodles. Perhaps because of the number of people waiting outside, the waiters and waitresses always keep talking to customers and try to push customers to order. Then, they have to take care of other customers.

A special thing to note: if you are not that hungry, just order what you are able to

digest and clearly inform the waiter of what you want. If you forget or randomly order your meal, you will be surprised to see how big the bowl is—and how high the price is.