



REVIEW

Uttara's food scene

In a span of a few years, Uttara has emerged from a quiet little suburb to a bustling centre of activities. It is dotted with businesses, both small and large, which have encouraged a large population to move out from the inner dwellings of Dhaka city and settle in this charming suburb. Many malls, and of course restaurants and cafes have opened up to meet the tastes of people from all walks of life.

The Donut Shoppe

This gourmet doughnut store, which has recently opened up on Sector 3, Jashimuddin Road, is a treat for the sweet toothed. It has a doughnut kitchen with all instruments to make fresh doughnuts right in front of you with European ingredients. The doughnuts here are plump, soft and come in a variety of flavours: double chocolate, zesty lemon, strawberry, cookie crunch and much more. The Irish Cream is a unique flavour brought from Europe; its sugary and creamy taste will make your head swirl with delight.

There is also a cafe in the store, known as the Bon Cafe, where you can enjoy coffee imported from Thailand. There are food options other than coffee, such as soup, burgers, salads, nachos and hot dogs.

The Donut Shoppe is the only store to offer "doughwich" which is a sandwich made from the doughnut bun. These are savoury and have fillings such as chicken, salami and shrimp.

The prices of the doughnuts range from Tk 75-100 and other meals are priced from Tk 200-250. After 11pm the prices of the doughnuts are halved, so if you are craving



something sweet late at night, then Donut Shoppe is the place to be.

Visit the Donut Shoppe at House 34, Road 1, Sector 3, Jashimuddin Road, Uttara. Business hours: 7am-midnight.

Coffee Glory

The cosy cafe and Korean restaurant is located in Sector 1, and it offers the best of freshly toasted coffee and authentic Korean food. There are twelve kinds of coffee that are imported from Jamaica, Colombia, Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

The white mocha with extra whipped cream is simply comforting. The honey latte is a harmonious concoction of coffee and honey, and will definitely uplift your mood. The latte comes in a variety of flavours, such as chocolate, strawberry, Irish, hazelnut and caramel. The Americano and cappuccino are regular favourites.

The owner of the cafe, Titu Debnath, has lived in South Korea for seventeen years where he learned everything about coffee. He plans on opening a coffee school so that he can train more baristas. His Korean wife has trained chefs to cook exotic Korean dishes.

The food menu offers an assortment of Korean food, such as Bulgogi rice (marinated beef with rice and soup), Gimbab (rolled rice and vegetables), Hweh (salmon and coral sushi) and gimbab and sushi sets.

The cafe-restaurant is open from 9am-10:30pm, everyday. The price of coffee ranges from Tk 170-340. The Korean dishes are priced from Tk 370-1200.

Visit Coffee Glory at House 1, Road 5, Sector 1, Uttara.

Chef the City

The rooftop restaurant and banquet hall is located in Sector 4, and is a great place to have lunch and dinner with your friends and family. It offers barbeque nights where you can choose from grilled chicken and fish, tandoori beef, steaks and of course naan and paratha.

The Thai, Chinese, Indian and Continental food items are all worth a try. The Thai cashew nuts salad, fried pineapple rice, grilled 'rupchanda', 'bhetki' and snappers, and T-bone steak are regular "on-demand" items at the restaurant.

The Indian dal makhani and chicken butter fry are also very popular.