

Caterer's mum ensures food is of good quality

The 70-year-old tastes the fare every weekend

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THE Big Rajah Food Caterers owner John William Xavier has a sure-fire way of maintaining a high standard of food cooked by his chefs – by having his mother as head chef.

He started the company nine years ago, but Xavier, 47, has been in the food business for more than 20 years.

Until today, his 70-year-old mother Rossari Xavier would taste the food cooked by the chefs every weekend to make sure the quality is consistent.

"My chefs really dread getting a call from my mother because she will give them a piece of her mind if the food is not up to her standards," he said with a laugh.

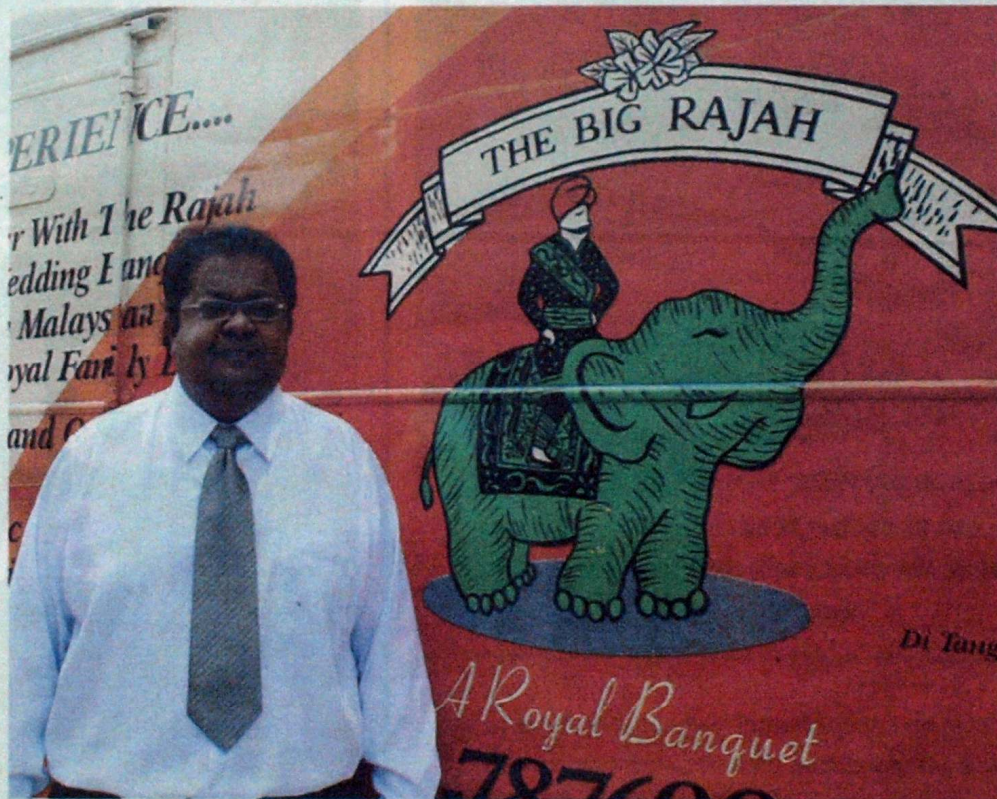
Xavier also believes in hiring people to work as kitchen helpers and making them work their way up to the ranks of chefs.

"Big chefs come with big egos. I want to maintain the taste of our food so nobody joins our company as the main chef.

"By moving the kitchen helpers from one task to another over time, they see how everything is done," he said.

The Big Rajah is more than a catering company as they also have all the tools and expertise to organise an event, with their speciality being Indian garden weddings.

"We provide items such as fancy tents to wine glasses and



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silverware, as we own these items.

"I stress a lot on presentation so we also have a few people we constantly work with who specialise in wedding decorations.

"Couples can come to us for consultation and we will guide them all the way so that their special day will be perfect," he said.

In the competitive food and wedding business, Xavier tries to stay ahead by providing little extras.

"I travel a lot and I try to source for new ideas overseas. For example, we have a set of food warmers that no other caterer has," he said.

To provide the highest standards to customers, they try not to cater to more than three weddings in a day.

"I want our customers to remember us and tell us we did a good job at their wedding and hopefully go on to do the weddings of their sisters, brothers, cousins and other relatives," he said.

Those who are planning their wedding can get a free consultation and package deals from The Big Rajah Food Caterers at booths number 1038, 1039 & 1048 during the Indian Wedding Fair and Indian Products Expo 2008 at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre from Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 10pm, at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre. For more information, visit www.iwf-ipe.com

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