Herbal Tonic Soup

Makes 4 servings

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- 8 oz lean pork (or meaty pork bones)
- 8 chicken wings or 2 drumsticks
- 15 g ladybell root (Radix adenophorae) 沙參
- 20 g Cordonopsis root 黨參
- 30 g Angelica sinesis 當歸
- 15 g Astragali 北芪
- 5 red dates, pits removed
- 15 g goji berries, rinsed and drained Salt to taste
 - 1. Blanch pork and chicken in boiling water for 5 minutes. Remove and rinse under cold water to clean impurities. Set aside.
 - 2. Rinse ladybell root, cordonopsis, angelica sinesis and astragali under water to clean. Soak in water to cover for 15-30 minutes. Bring about 10 cups water to a boil. Add herbs, pork, chicken and dates.
 - 3. Simmer for about 2 hours or double-boil for about 3 hours.
 - 4. Turn off heat. Add goji berries and let it soak, covered for 30 60 minutes. Season with salt.

Recipe note:

Traditionally, this recipe is made with chicken feet. To prepare chicken feet, remove the toenails then blanch in boiling water for 3 – 5 minutes. Remove and plunge into a large bowl of ice water. Rinse and make sure the feet are clean. They can now be simmered with the herbal soup.

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