# The IFTFC Grand Final

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The IFTFC, or the International Food Truck Food Competition is an annual food truck food competition. Anyone in any country can enter. This year, the competition is held in Paris, France.

The finalists are the French chef called Claude Felix, who has twenty years of culinary experience and owns the Felix Restaurant, a five-star restaurant, and an Italian chef called Claudio Ivano, who has five years of culinary experience, specialising in pizza. He works at a local pizza place. He spends his spare time experimenting with new kinds of pizzas.

A survey from the public shows that the favourite will be Claude Felix.

The grand final will happen at noon. Both chefs will show their signature lunch dish. The chef with the most satisfied people and judges will win the grand prize of one hundred thousand dollars and a gold-plated thirty centimetre tall trophy.

Both chefs set up their stations in Quai Jacques Chirac, a street in front of the iconic Eiffel Tower.

Felix immediately got to work, slicing a baguette almost in half. People looked at Felix with disbelief.

A Vietnamese judge in the IFTFC, Cuong Vinh, stated, “Điều mà Felix không biết là đây chính là bước đầu tiên để làm

Bánh mì.” It means, “What Felix did not know is that this is the

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first step to make Bánh mì.” Bánh mì is a Vietnamese dish with a baguette almost in half filled with different toppings.

On the other hand, Ivano has just made the pizza base with premium pizza dough.

Felix stuffed some pork, coriander, carrot and onion into his “Burger Baguette” or “Baguette Burger” in English, as he calls it. He had finished his “signature dish”.

A passer-by from America called Arnold stated, “Felix is out of his mind; this is not even a burger! You know what? I’ll try it.”

Arnold, as well as other people, tried Felix’s Baguette Burger. Every person that tried it hated the coriander.

Cuong Vinh tried the Baguette Burger and complained, “Rau mùi không có đủ hương vị.” It means, “The coriander has not enough flavour.”

For Ivano, the pizza base was finally cooked. Ivano added all the toppings he could think of: pepperoni, mozzarella, pineapple (Yes, Ivano is a pineapple pizza lover), bacon, mushrooms and tomatoes. After that, he sliced the pizza slices equally with such precision.

However, his reactions were mixed about the pineapple. Half the people liked it, half the people disliked it. The judges were in “schism” as well.

The competition lasted until one in the afternoon. Ivano won the grand prize with a hundred people and judges liking Ivano’s pizza. Nobody liked Felix’s Baguette Burger.

It is a surprise why Felix even made it to the final. He has other better dishes, but Felix claims that the Baguette Burger is his signature dish: it creates more flavour to the plain baguette.