Grilled Asian Eggplant with Ginger Sauce

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¹/₄ cup water
4 tsp sugar
6 Tbsp finely grated fresh ginger
¹/₄ cup unseasoned rice vinegar
1 tsp Asian sesame oil
¹/₂ cup vegetable oil, plus more for brushing
Salt
8 Asian eggplants, sliced lengthwise, then cut on the diagonal into 2-inch pieces and scored

- In a heatproof glass bowl, combine water and sugar and microwave at high power 10 seconds, until sugar is dissolved.
- Add grated ginger, vinegar, sesame oil, and 1/2 cup vegetable oil and season with salt.
- Set a large steamer basket in a large saucepan, add 1/2 inch water, and bring to a boil over moderately high heat. Steam eggplant in batches, cut side down, until just tender, about 4 minutes.
- Heat a grill pan.
- Lightly brush eggplant all over with vegetable oil.
- Grill over high heat until grill marks appear, about 30 seconds per side, then transfer to a serving platter.
- Spoon ginger sauce over eggplant.



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