



newly-weds
 DAMON YIP & MACY TAY
 celebration
 AN INTIMATE CEREMONY
 AT TROPICANA GOLF
 AND COUNTRY RESORT
 theme
 COURTYARD GARDEN
 ROMANCE



garden party

BY NICOLETTE ONG PHOTOGRAPHY EDMUND THAM/EDMUND THAM PHOTOGRAPHY WEDDING PLANNER LETICIA HSU/EVENTS WIZARD WEDDING GOWN VERA WANG SUIT ETRO

Banker Damon and lawyer Macy initially wanted to have a small wedding with just their immediate family. But, the couple ended up having a bigger ceremony for 80 guests and a lavish banquet in the evening for 220 guests. "I'm glad that we had the wedding celebration because it was the best day of my life. I really enjoyed every moment of it," gushes Macy.

As the couple are both residing in Hong Kong, they had to rely on their wedding planner, Leticia Hsu of Events Wizard, to arrange every thing in Malaysia within six months. "She was incredible. We would definitely recommend her to anyone who's looking for a planner," says Macy.

The morning ceremony took place at the inner courtyard of the Tropicana Golf and Country Resort. It was a romantic venue, especially with a marquee set up to overlook the immaculate golf



course. To ensure their guests arrived on time, hired buses picked up their friends who came from New York, London and Singapore.

As most of their guests were from abroad, the couple hosted a pre-wedding dinner at Fatty Crab so that everyone got a chance to know each other better. They also prepared welcome packs and sent them to the respective hotel rooms of their guests. Inside was a guide to Kuala Lumpur — where to eat, shop and party — imported customised M&Ms chocolates, which were personalised with the couple's names, and a packet of local snacks.

On the actual day, the couple held their banquet at the Shangri-la Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, followed by post-wedding partying at Cristallo Bar. 🍷

YUMMY TREATS!

For wedding favours, Macy's mother baked more than 2,000 cookies and packed them in little boxes. They were so delicious and well-received that her mum is considering opening a shop to sell them!





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 ADRIAN CHEE &
 CHEN LI MAY
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 A BANQUET AT THE
 JW MARRIOTT HOTEL
 KUALA LUMPUR
 theme
 A DUSTY PINK AFFAIR



pretty in pink

BY SRUTHY PARVATHY KUMAR PHOTOGRAPHY FUI YAU & CHRIS/EXES STUDIO BRIDAL OUTFITS THAT SPECIAL OCCASION & BEATRICE LOOI SUIT LORD'S WEDDING PLANNER LETICIA HSU/ EVENTS WIZARD

A chance meeting at a friend's birthday party and two marriage proposals later, lawyer Adrian finally got a "Yes!" from public relations manager Li May. The couple held their solemnisation at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the dinner reception at JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, for 470 guests. The theme, 'A Dusty Pink Affair' was chosen as the bride wanted something romantic and feminine. "Adrian agreed as long as the shade of pink wasn't overly girly!" recalls Li May.

A picture of the couple holding hands at the Notre Dame cathedral was used in their invitation cards, church service booklets and fridge-magnet favours; while close-up photos of the couple's fingers forming the numbers 1 to 47 — framed in pink — served as table signs. And instead of their own wedding pictures, photos of friends and relatives were put up at the foyer of the hotel, with labels showing how they were linked to the couple, creating a 'memory lane' for the couple and their guests. "Our relatives and friends dug through their dusty old albums to pick perfect pictures for us," says Li May.





During the wedding, guests were invited to write their wishes onto specially printed cards, which were pinned up on a 'Wish Board'.

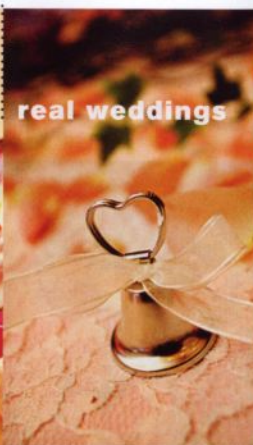
As Adrian and Li May wanted the entertainment for the night to be soothing and non-intrusive, they opted for a three-piece jazz band to entertain their guests. By the end of the night, everyone was up and dancing, even Adrian's 90 year old grandma!

Despite the difficulties that the couple faced in planning the event over a span of six months, Li May feels it was a graceful affair with a lot of quirky, yet personal elements. "Leticia [*the wedding planner*] did an amazing job in helping us put it all together, keeping us on schedule and making sure the wedding day itself was absolutely stress-free," she exclaims. 🍷



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 JUSTIN LYE &
 JAYCEY WONG
 celebration
 A BANQUET AT
 RENAISSANCE KUALA
 LUMPUR HOTEL
 theme
 AN IRISH-THEMED
 CELEBRATION



butterfly kisses

BY NICOLETTE ONG PHOTOGRAPHY KID CHAN STUDIO
WEDDING PLANNER LETICIA HSU/EVENTS WIZARD

Based in Dublin, Ireland, accountant Justin and auditor Jaycey had wanted a simple reception back home in Malaysia. But in the end, the couple threw a lavish celebration for 300 guests at the Renaissance Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. "Leticia, my wedding planner, helped me plan a truly unique wedding," beams Jaycey.


For their celebrations, the couple chose a spring theme with an Irish flavour. "I have always loved birds, butterflies, swans, flowers and trees," says Jaycey. "We also used names of various Irish counties at our party to reflect the years Justin and I spent there."

On the wedding day, butterfly ornaments, coloured ribbons, flowers and candles adorned the ballroom and tables. The main wedding table had a glass swan music box as a centrepiece to commemorate the first gift Justin bought for Jaycey. The bride also had two six-inch custom-made swan models placed in

the centre of a large ring of flowers with colourful lights glowing below them.

When the guests arrived, they wrote their well wishes on a board and held it up as the photographer snapped pictures of them. They were then ushered to one of 32 tables that were each named after a county in Ireland. The names were written in traditional Irish, with a map at the back highlighting the location of the county. There was also a slide-show featuring the scenic places the couple had visited in Ireland.

To get things rolling, Justin and Jaycey started the celebration with some bubbly. "We brought a bottle of pink champagne from France as it's an Irish wedding tradition to start the reception with champagne and strawberries," Jaycey explains.

For favours, each guest received a lovely wedding bell place-card holder the couple had bought from the United Kingdom. "The guests were ringing the bells as we entered the ballroom!" exclaims Jaycey. 





the food or the band, only the joy you experience with your loved one.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

Anything and everything. I am a romantic at heart. I can even be inspired by the shapes I see in the clouds above, the way leaves fall in the evening or how a long stretch of

swaying trees along a road meet in the middle, as if they were kissing with their delicate branches and leaves. Be aware of the surroundings and your imagination can come alive!

AS A PLANNER, WHAT KIND OF SERVICES DO YOU OFFER COUPLES?

We are here to lend a helping hand. There are no strict rules as to the extent of the wedding planner's duties. We are here to assist you with whatever you may need, from choosing the venue, the gown to even the font type for your guest list.

WHAT SHOULD COUPLES DO FIRST WHEN PLANNING A WEDDING?

Set a realistic budget, work on the number of guests, decide on what thematic style you want for your wedding and start checking out possible venues. Venues get taken way in advance, so in order to have your choice of venue, start researching as soon as possible.


WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING CELEBRATION YOU HAVE EVER PLANNED?

It was a Punjabi-Scottish wedding held over a span of five days. There were three main dinners (each with 500 to 1,000 guests) held at different venues with different themes and almost the same guests. With back-to-back celebrations, there really was no time to breathe. It was one of those weddings where everyone just wanted to go home and sleep forever. But, looking back at the memories and photos, it was a really great party!

IN YOUR OPINION, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE WEDDING IS...

The couple. It should reflect the couple's tastes and desires because it is their once-in-a lifetime celebration. Another most important thing is that the process should be fun and the planning should strengthen their bond and not create conflict.

ANY ADVICE YOU HAVE FOR COUPLES WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR WEDDING?

Have fun planning your wedding; do not get too caught up with the little things. No one is going to remember that the ballroom door handles had ribbons that were in the perfect hue of pink. The wedding should be about the both of you and not everyone else. 

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

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Your wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime affair. And you want nothing but absolute perfection. But without help and expert advice, it's easy to miss some essential points.

So, before you start the ball rolling on your wedding prep, get help from Events Wizard. As professional wedding planners who have 'done' hundreds of bridal celebrations, these wizards will make all your wedding fantasies come true. Event Wizard's head wedding consultant, Leticia Hsu, plans each wedding as if it were her own even after years in the business: "I put my heart, soul and effort into every wedding, ensuring that everything runs smoothly, resulting in an experience that is truly special for the couple," beams Leticia.

Here, Leticia shares her experience and advice on weddings:

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT WEDDINGS?

It's all about that special 'moment' when you exchange your vows, or when you are pronounced 'husband and wife'. Weddings are beautiful and touching in every way. But the 'moment' is what everyone is there for, when nothing else matters — not the flowers,