Central attraction

Genevieve and Raymond

hen you live in England, meet your Australian fiance in Malaysia, and have friends and relatives from around the world, where would be the appropriate venue to host your wedding? This was a big decision for Genevieve Cheng Tsien Choo and Raymond Ford.

The story

They met in 1999 while working at Club Med's Petit Club, which offers babysitting services for in-house mests.

Having to work together, it was natural that the couple fell in love.

According to Genevieve, "maintaining a relationship in Club Med was not an easy task but we managed to do so."

Soon after, Raymond and Genevieve went to Australia, where Ray worked at Club Med Lindeman Island for six months.

Genevieve then went to England to look for a job. Raymond later joined her, where they have since been living. Although they reside in England, they do fly "home" to KL, at least twice

a year to enjoy the sun and food.

It was on one of those trip to
Malaysia, where the couple were
holidaying at Club Med. Cherating.

when Raymond popped the question.

They got engaged in London and started planning for the wedding straightaway.

The wedding

"The original plan was to get married in England, but things are so expen-



Raymond and Genevieve take a snap shot after the registration, which was held here in Kuala Lumpur.

sive there." says Genevieve.

They had other destinations in mind to hold the wedding but organising it was difficult. Finally, they decid-

ed to meet half way – Kuala Lumpur.
"This was the most strategic location as it is half way between
Australia and England and central for
our friends and families."

"Being in England made organising difficult for me, so my dad appointed a wedding planner, Leticia Hsu

from Events Wizards," say Genevieve. Leticia and Genevieve started off by e-mailing each other and as time went by they built a close rapport.

Finally, the wedding date was set.
"On our wedding day, I felt very
calm, which was quite surprising as I

am easily stressed out.

"Luckily for Leticia, everything was taken care of, so my sister and I had time to relax by the poolside." says Genevieve.

"I didn't have to worry about a thing, and that made me enjoy my wedding."

The wedding went on without a hitch and everyone had a ball of a

"It was really fun to have all our friends from all over together. It was a wedding cum get-together," says Ray. After the ceremony, the couple and

their families took photographs around the reception area.

Being half Chinese, Genevieve also

had the traditional "tea ceremony".

"I still hold close to my tradition as I feel the wedding would not be complete without a tea ceremony," says the proud bride.

After dinner, all guests were invited to strut their stuff on the dance followed by the throwing of the bounuet.

The couple and their friends were then chauffeured to the hotel where they partied till dawn!

Cherished moments

"There was not a specific moment of the day that stood out. All of it was simply fabulous and it was really nice that all our friends could turn up from near and far to make our wedding special." says Ray.

"It was fun because we were not bogged down by the planning, instead we had time to go clubbing and take our friends around," adds Genevieve.