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A WEDDING is one of the most important events in a woman's life. This is the time when she ends her life as a single girl. And how else to celebrate it than to party for the last time as a single person; this can also be a celebration of the first day of married life.

This is also the time when a woman wants to look her best and dress up to the nine's. She wants to remember the day as being the 'prettiest' day of her life as well as the time when she said yes to a life long commitment of loving and sharing.

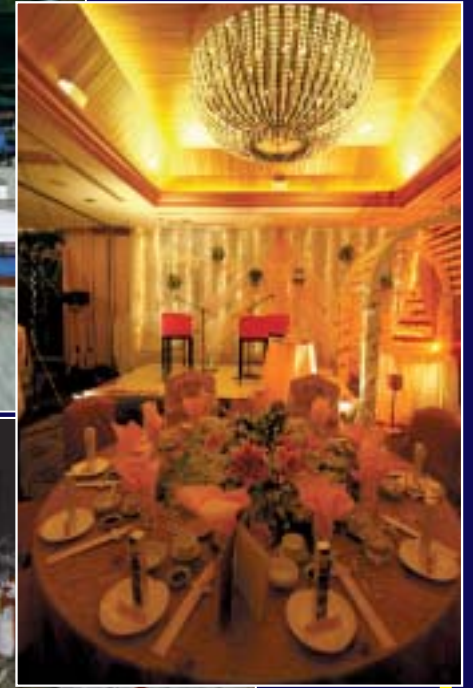
Brides have choices a-plenty as there are many bridal boutiques operators nowadays that will cater to them; wedding gowns, evening gowns, the trimmings, the make up and the decorations; just leave it to the bridal boutique operator.

That leaves the wedding reception.

Most couples and their parents will want to fete their friends and family in a memorable environment, to thank them for their support and best wishes.

An 'almost fairy tale' wedding dinner setting is the dream of all newlyweds and this is where the Shangri-la Tanjung Aru Resort here can help. According to the resort Wedding Planner Emily Ngui they will assist the bride and groom very thoroughly with the various services they have there.

"We assist them with the various themes and decorations that they want during their auspicious day. We of course know that the ini-



Beginnings in Shangri-la's

tial ceremony that symbolizes the beginning of their journey through life together is very important, so that's why we have come up with packages that will ensure that the whole process is memorable."

"We offer them all various settings, it can be a garden wedding, where the solemnization in the garden or it can be a beach wedding with the blazing sunset behind them... they just have to tell us what they want and we will do it for them."

She shares that the Solemnization package priced from RM6,000++ per couple and includes coordination service, ceremony location and set-up, solemnization services by Registrar Office and a return limousine transfer service for the bride and groom from hotel to the Registrar Office. After that the couple is given a bottle of champagne and accorded photography services.

There is another wedding package available called the Pearl Package. This package is going at RM698++ per table of 10 persons and it includes a choice of eight-course Chinese Set Dinner with accommodation in a Tanjung Executive Suite for two nights including buffet breakfast for two persons at Cafe TATU.

"One year later the couple can come in for their first anniversary BBQ dinner for two persons at Coco-Joe's," she says, adding that this package is valid until March 31, 2009. The next package available is the Diamond Package which is going at RM798++ per table of 10 persons with a choice of eight-course Chinese set dinner.

The couple will be accorded with accommodation in a Tanjung Deluxe Suite for two nights including buffet breakfast for two persons at Cafe TATU and during their first anniversary they can come in for a candle-light dinner for two persons at Peppino restaurant.

Emily shares that the Jade Package at RM998++ per table of 10 persons is another choice for customers.

"This package includes a choice of nine-course Chinese set dinner and accommodation in a Kinabalu Executive Suite for two nights including buffet breakfast for two persons at Cafe TATU," she shares adding that during their first anniversary couples can come in and celebrate with a candle-light dinner inclusive of two glasses of champagne at Peppino restaurant

These packages are valid until the end of this year, so couples who wish to hold their wedding reception at Shangri-la Tanjung Aru

Resort can call Emily at 088-327877 / 327876.

Meanwhile, Ravi Isperan the resort's Director of Events Management, says they have hosted several and various types of weddings since the wedding planner services was introduced to the general public.

"We usually liaise with the couple's group to see what they want. If they need us to decorate the wedding dais and the backdrop, we will do it for them but most couples will be in their own people to do it for them. We don't mind."

"For the solemnization ceremony, they can pick their own clergyman or man of office to do it for them. But again if they need us to get this authority for them, we will also do it."

"We are very flexible, just call us and we will sit down to discuss what they want and how they want it done."