

Marriage and wedding

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All of the people in this world want to get married and have their own memories in the wedding ceremony. They will have the ceremony by their own ritual. The ritual is always by their parents. For the Malaysian, there are three races that are Malay, Chinese and Indian. In every race in Malaysia, they will have their own traditional rituals to the wedding process. For Malay, the groom's family will go to the bride's house for the 'adat merisik' or called as spying custom for arranging marriages.

Then, if the groom's family get the agreement by the bride's family, the adat 'bertunang' (engagement custom) will be held at the bride's home in a date that has been chosen by the two families. After that, a Malay wedding proper begins with the 'akad nikah' (marriage contract) ceremony. And for the Chinese, the process begins with the proposal, an elaborate marriage proposal and acceptance. If successful, both families will proceed to the next step which is to obtain the date and hour of the girl's birth, which is subsequently recorded on a formal document.

If both are pleased with the outcome of the meeting, they would proceed to the betrothal and then, the wedding. Most Indian marriages are arranged, some couples have love marriages. The true Indian wedding is about two families getting wedded socially with much less emphasis on the individuals involved. All of the three races have the different programs in the wedding day. For Malay wedding, it starts with khatam al-Quran ceremony. Then, the 'berinai' ceremony, which is the dyeing with henna of the hands, and the feet of the bride.

The next day, the Malay wedding begins with the "akad nikah" ceremony. The wedding for the Chinese is start with The "Hair Dressing" Ritual for the

bride on the night before and the "Capping" Ritual for the groom. After that, the event continues with the procession from the groom's house to obtain the bride. Next, the bride journeys to the groom's house. After all the ritual is complete, the wedding ceremony can be held. Difference with the Indian, the bride will take by the groom's parent at her house and the groom is not allowed to join.

In the next morning, the wedding will be held in a hall. The costume for the Malay, Chinese and Indian in a wedding is based on their culture. The Malay's groom is elegantly dressed in the traditional Malay costume of 'baju Melayu', 'samping' and 'tanjak' (headwear) with a 'keris' at his side, and wearing his gleaming new shoes. The Malay's bride will matching with wears 'baju kebaya' or embroidered 'baju kurung'. Compare to Chinese, the groom is dressed in a long gown, red shoes, a red silk sash with a silk ball on his shoulder.

For the bride, she will wear wedding jacket, skirt and red shoes. The bride's hair is dressing in the style of a married woman. The bride's face was covered with either a red silk veil or a "curtain" of tassels which hung from the bridal Phoenix crown. Different with Indian's bride who is dressed with sari and the groom will wear sherwani or achkan. As a conclusion, all the races in Malaysia have their own rituals in a wedding ceremony based on their religion. They have their own meaning behind their rituals.

But the main point for all the wedding is same. Wedding is for marrying a man and a woman to be husband and wife for their future life and wedding is the best memories to people that have it. In my opinion, it is really exciting and interesting to know about others life. I am Malay and I have inquisitive

mind when I do about Malaysian's wedding. There are so many things that we have to know about others life. So, we can share it with other people and we will have many friends by the knowledge that we have.