



Simple as it may be, this wedding was better than what the couple expected! By Clarence Chew

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our years after meeting at a bar in Tokyo, David and Lea Linker tied the knot at the Raffles Hotel,

Singapore. For Lea, the beautiful, colonial-styled hotel was the ideal venue for the couple's Victorian-themed wedding. As the event was held in November, the hotel's Christmas decorations set a sparkling festive mood for the occasion. It was so lovely that "some guests even turned up an hour or so in advance to snap pictures of the hotel and its surroundings," says Lea.

On the day of the ceremony, rose petals lined the lawns walkway and the pagoda was adorned with orchids, roses white and green trimmings. To add to the ambience, a string quartet entertained with classic tunes.

"Hannah Chong from Heaven's Gift did a great job at designing and decorating the lawn and pagoda," says Lea.

"She was an excellent support and organised everything perfectly."

Hannah also arranged perfumed candles as wedding favours for guests while the bridal party received watches, pens and jewellery.

"We scented the hotel's East India Room with tubereuse scented candles. It blended well with the fragrance from the roses and orchids," beams Lea. As everyone tucked into the European cuisine, some guests made heart-felt yet humorous speeches.

It was a night to be remembered, especially since 80 guests flew in from Norway, Spain,



Hong Kong and Japan to celebrate the couple's union. "The genuine feeling of friendship, love and good wishes really touched us," says Lea. "