

BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE

HEAVEN'S GIFT

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Founder Hannah Chong (right), 35, says all the weddings she designs must ooze old-world elegance but her ideas are anything but old-fashioned.

For an Under The Sea theme, she put live fish in the floral arrangements. For another cabaret-style wedding, she decked out gazebos in tall white ostrich feathers while cabaret dancers kicked off the show.

It's all about realising someone's vision, says the former fashion merchandiser who started Heaven's Gift in 2004.

"I don't want to be a logistics wedding planner. I want to be an artist," says the bachelorette.

She says she has never thought about how her own wedding would be like.

"To find that person whom you can stay with for life is a dream come true on its own."

Speciality: Elegant yet creative venue settings

Hit rate: Two to three weddings a month

Price: From \$6,500

Wackiest job: The wedding themes



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I've worked on are more unconventional than wacky. For one modelled after the concept of an enchanted garden, we created a 3-D painting of cherry blossom trees for the stage backdrop. After the wedding, guests were queuing up to take pictures in front of it.

Best experience: Seeing the wedding couple smile when they enter the room, knowing that you've turned their fantasy into reality.

Worst experience: When our clients don't trust us and question every detail. The time I spend on perfecting everything is far more than one can imagine, so trust me.

Philosophy: Weddings are weddings. However unconventional the concept, they should look beautiful.