



KOK YEW & ANGELINE

**Wedding Ceremony**

WHEN August 8, 2010

WHERE St Andrew's Cathedral

**Tea Ceremony  
and Dinner Banquet**

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# Jetset Glamour

Globetrotting doctors Angeline Yong and Chan Kok Yew's shared love for travel shone through their wedding

**I**n addition to sharing similar life experiences and hobbies like attending the same kindergarten and church during childhood, and enjoying the sun and outdoor sports, Dr Angeline Yong and Dr Chan Kok Yew's common passion for travel and adventure sealed their attraction to each other back in 2009. It was also when Angeline, a dermatologist, was helping Kok Yew, managing director of a medical corporation and chairman of an F&B business, pack for an overseas trip that he popped the question.

With the romance of travel and thrill of adventure never far from their minds, it is not unexpected for the pair to incorporate these elements into their nuptials. They flew to San Francisco to get their pre-wedding album shot by US-based CK Hwang of 39 East Photography, and also worked with Eng Hong and Aloysius from the same photography firm to produce a local outdoor pre-wedding album filled with action-packed sequences of riding on jet-skis and sailing a cruiser.



Not surprisingly, the dinner banquet also evokes an idyllic holiday mood. “We really, really wanted Capella Singapore as that was our dream venue. It has an old-world charm with a modern twist, boasts a romantic ambience, and is on Sentosa, where we stay and always drop by for drinks and dinner,” says Kok Yew.

“The resort’s ballroom could not accommodate the size of our wedding after the guest list ballooned from 350 persons to 510. Luckily, the Capella management gave us the permission to extend the seating area to the whole walkway, patio area and pre-function rooms outside the ballroom.”

The theme for the night was “modern Manhattan chic” to reflect the couple’s cosmopolitan taste. Their wedding planner Heaven’s Gift began the big-scale transformation by skirting entire the

outlying area and enhancing the lighting effects there to create the illusion that it was an extension of the ballroom.

Eschewing flowers as the main decoration for the stage in order to retain a truly urban styling, the next part involved erecting 15-metre curved panel with acrylic mirror materials. This was purpose-built as a backdrop for a five-piece band, which entertained the audience with big band music, creating an atmosphere not unlike that of a real New York jazz club. A dance floor was created at the base of the stage, and the use of reflective surfaces was incorporated into the décor of sections outside the ballroom. There, chic metallic ball ornaments were hung from the ceiling with special lighting to enhance the party feel, and large screens were installed to broadcast live feeds from the inside.







  
**MAKEUP & HAIR (WEDDING CEREMONY)**  
 Low Jyue Huey/The Make Up Room  
**MAKEUP (DINNER BANQUET)**  
 Low Jyue Huey/The Make Up Room  
**HAIR (DINNER BANQUET)**  
 Louis Tan/Reds Hairdressing  
**FLORIST** Boenga  
**WEDDING PLANNER & CONCEPT DESIGNER**  
 Heaven's Gift  
**PRE-WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 CK Hwang, Eng Hong and Aloysius/  
 39 East Photography  
**WEDDING DAY PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 Ned/39 East Photography  
**VIDEOGRAPHY**  
 Yang/Substance Films  
**BRIDE'S OUTFIT** Tan Yoong  
**GROOM'S OUTFIT** Ermenegildo Zegna  






Floral arrangements, undertaken by Boenga, were a combination of contemporary chic and classic elegance. Based on Angeline's preference, candlestands with cascading floral arrangements were the main floral element. In the external seating area, yellow calla lilies immersed in water with floating candles were used for a clean, chic look.

Models were hired to pose as butlers for the canapés corner, as well as for the live photo booth, where guests went wild taking fun pictures with them. While the menu was a plated six-course dinner, live food stations offering other food selections including Peking duck and ice cream were also set up so that guests from the interior and exterior sections could mingle.

Some highlights of the big day for the newly weds include moving speeches by the bridal party, including one given in Cantonese; the couple's first dance at the end of dinner, which was joined by friends and much-older relatives; and song items prepared by their friends both not just the dinner, but also the church ceremony earlier in the day.

In fact, the venue of the church blessing, St Andrew's Cathedral, hold special significance to Kok Yew. His father is an Anglican pastor and his parents got married there too. The church building also exudes old-world charm, a quality the couple feels tied in very well with their choice of Capella Singapore for the dinner, and their mode of transport, which was a vintage Rolls-Royce loaned by a good friend. ❧

