Abstract

- Environmental deterioration
- Resources depletion
- Comparative study
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green wedding
PLANNING YOUR ECO-FRIENDLY CELEBRATION
Purpose of Study

How to organize a green wedding party in order to develop an eco-friendly society.
Research Design

• Interview students at DAE
• Design a survey using an on-line questionnaire
• Collected data and do analysis
• Show the findings by pie charts

Participants

The respondents to the survey were students at the Department of Applied English at YPU.

Of these respondents, 21 were male and 79 were female.
Results

Data Collection and Data Analysis
Respondents’ opinions about traditional weddings

Table 1

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<th>Have you ever attended a traditional wedding party?</th>
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<td>Yes</td>
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Table 2

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<th>Do you like the complicated ceremony of traditional weddings?</th>
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From Table 1, the high percentage (91%) shows that it is quite popular for people in Taiwan to host a traditional wedding party instead of a green wedding party. Table 2 indicates that 41% of respondents were neutral about the traditional weddings.

Moreover, the other 59% expressed mixed views; 29% of respondents said they like the complicated ceremony of traditional weddings, but 30% didn’t like such ceremonies. Compared with those respondents of “Strongly Dislike” and “Dislike” (30%), more than half of the respondents (70%) still enjoy a traditional wedding. That’s why we need to encourage people to manage a green wedding.

To gain further information, our study group interviewed some of the respondents and found that most people attend the wedding for the feast, but not for the ceremony.
From Table 3, the results presented here show that 85% of respondents agreed to have a cocktail party which can avoid wasting too much food, and only 3% disagreed about having a cocktail party, as they still like the idea of having a banquet.

Table 4 This result shows that 89% of respondents agreed that serving fewer dishes would be good for the guests and the hosts.

It is clear that in Table 3 and Table 4, many people feel there are usually excessive foods, drinks, and refreshments served at wedding banquets. Though guests often carry away heavy doggy bags after such feasts, the participants treat it as a waste of food and a burden to the host. It also hurts our health.
From Table 5
More than 95% of the respondents “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” with the statement that using local food for the party would lower carbon footprint.

More than half (52%) of the respondents in Table 6 showed that driving less, walking, riding a bike or sharing a ride to the wedding party would save some energy.

The results by Table 5 and Table 6 indicate a trend that most young people do care about co2 emissions and environmental conservation.
In sum, the result of Table 7 has been very positive. Most of the respondents (91%) in this survey agreed that green wedding is helpful for environmental protection.

And up to 80% of the respondents revealed that they are willing to plan their own wedding with green ideas in mind. Still, 20% participants seem unable to accept the idea of a green wedding.
Conclusion

With evolving environmental concerns, more and more couples are choosing eco-friendly weddings for their special days.

After collecting the data from the on-line questionnaire, we found three key points concerning about planning of a green wedding:

1). The respondents’ attitude toward a green wedding is positive.
2). Reducing the waste of energy, time, and resources is quite practical and will be the trend for young people to manage their wedding.
3). A green wedding can be more meaningful than the feast.

By these three points, we find that it is possible to make a green wedding prevail based on the eco-friendly principle.
The video of how to planning a green wedding party.

How to plan an eco-friendly wedding party