

TRADITIONAL BETROTHAL CEREMONY

For families who strictly practice the traditional ceremony, here are the items the groom and his family must bring.

- 1 RED PACKET AS PIN JIN**
This packet usually has the number 8 on it.
- 3 GOLD DOWRY JEWELLERY**
Necklace, ring, bangle, earrings.
- 1 PAIR OF DRAGON AND PHOENIX PASTRIES**
- 4 BOTTLES OF HARD LIQUOR**
Usually, brandy or red or white wine is given.
- 3 KINDS OF LIVESTOCK MEAT**
Chicken, pork, and fish, 1 pair of each. This can be replaced by Three Livestocks Laisee.
- 4 COCONUTS**
The pronunciation of this word in Chinese sounds like grandfather and son, relating that the couple will have children and grandchildren.
- 1 PAIR OF DRAGON AND PHOENIX CANDLES**
- 2 PACKETS OF SWEET BEGINNINGS**
Rock sugar, dried tangerine, red dates, and candied winter-melon strips.
- 2 BASKETS OF FRUITS**
Do not include oranges, pears, and mangoes as their pronunciation in Chinese represent bad luck, separation, and death.
- 2 PACKETS OF FOUR TREASURE JIN GUO**
Dried longans, dried litchis, dried walnuts, and peanuts.
- 2 PACKETS OF WHITE SESAME SEEDS AND 2 CANS OF TEA LEAVES**
- 1 GIFT BOX**
This should contain lotus seeds, lily bulbs, red string, and thuja leaves.
- 50 KG TRADITIONAL WEDDING CAKES**
- SEAFOOD**
Mushrooms, abalone, clams, prawns or shrimps, sea cucumber, fish maw, shark's fin. Usually 4, 6, or 8 kinds of seafood are given and no matter which kinds, Black Moss or *Fa Cai* must be included.

MODERN BETROTHAL CEREMONY

Here are the items the groom and his family brings for the modern betrothal ceremony.



1 RED PACKET AS PIN JIN

This packet usually has the number 8 on it.



THREE LIVESTOCKS RED POCKET MONEY



SEAFOOD RED POCKET MONEY



GOLD ACCESSORIES FOR THE BRIDE



CAKE VOUCHERS



EVERYTHING ALL-IN-ONE RED POCKET MONEY



BETROTHAL BASKET

This should contain 4 coconuts; 2 packets of sweet beginnings: rock sugar, dried tangerine, red dates, and candied winter-melon strips; 2 packets of four treasure jin guo: dried longans, dried litchis, dried walnuts, and peanuts; 1 pair of dragon and phoenix pastries; and some traditional wedding cakes.