



Ms Angelina Huang and Mr Eugene Oh visited St Hilda's Secondary, where they met, on their wedding day with their bridesmaids and bestmen all dressed in school uniform. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ANGELINA HUANG

While weddings have been held at all three universities here, the most frequent spot is Nanyang Technological University (NTU), where 139 ceremonies have been held since 2006. Fifteen were held this year, with another 10 more scheduled later in the year.

Sales engineer Wong Yong Chun, 30, and project finance executive Stephanie Li, 31, tied the knot at a solemnisation room in NTU in February. The couple met during their polytechnic days and got together while both were studying at NTU's engineering faculty.

Asked why they chose the campus for their nuptials, Mr Wong says: "This was the place where our love started, so it has a lot of memories. If we had gone to a five-star hotel, it would have been strange for us."

More of his fellow alumni are following suit. While only one couple tied the knot on campus in 2007, 23 did so last year. NTU has its own marriage solemniser: director of the Alumni Affairs Office Soon Min Yam, 58, who is Deputy Registrar of Services.

He does not charge for his services but encourages couples to make a donation to the school's bursary funds.

At Singapore Management University, six weddings have been held since 2007.

Over at the National University of Singapore, a spokesman says that the school does not keep track of the number of campus weddings as such requests are reviewed on a case by case basis.

But one upcoming wedding at NUS' Eusoff Hall is that of doctorate student Chang Kai Lun, 26, and Ms Loh Hu, 25, who runs her own business. They met while living in the same hostel block at Eusoff Hall during their undergraduate days.

They rented the Hall's function hall for two days for about \$700 so that they could do it up in a rustic theme. Mr Chang says they were looking for "some unique factor" in their nuptials.

He says: "When we first shared the idea with our parents, their first reaction was: 'Are you sure?' But they later agreed to it. We had friends who stayed in other halls, so they were more supportive."

Other couples who met in school, such as Mr Joseph Choy and Ms Ivy Ho, both 29, did not have a campus wedding but they traced their courtship back to the beginning at school.

The couple wore school uniforms for a pre-wedding photo shoot at the old St Andrew's Junior College campus in Malan Road, where they met in 2001. They also took along old letters, textbooks and presents they had given each other as props.

They even recreated a key moment in their courtship, when Mr Choy "appeared out of nowhere" in the rain with an umbrella to shelter Ms Ho to the bus stop.

Ms Ho, who works in the supply chain logistics industry, says: "It really felt like we had gone back in time. We were like kids again, dating and just hanging out in school."

Teacher Angelina Huang and her logistics supervisor husband Eugene Oh, both 29, took the dressing-up game one step further - their bridesmaids and bestmen were in school uniform on the day they tied the knot last September.

They also visited St Hilda's Secondary School, their alma mater, for a photo-taking session on their wedding day. "It brings back memories of the times we spent in school. It was where we got to know each other. It all started there," she says.



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MS IVY HO on re-enacting her college romance with Mr Joseph Choy. She is clutching the bear that was his first present to her



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MR WONG YONG CHUN on why he and Ms Stephanie Li chose to solemnise their wedding at NTU, their alma mater

Happily after schoolmates



For their pre-wedding photo shoot, Ms Ivy Ho and Mr Joseph Choy recreated a key moment in their relationship at St Andrew's Junior College, when he "appeared out of nowhere" in the rain with an umbrella to shelter her to the bus-stop. PHOTOS: MULTIFOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY

Couples whose romance blossomed in school are returning to campus to have photos taken



For some couples who met during studies, wedding bells can mean only one thing: It is time to go back to school.

Pre-wedding photo shoots on campus are nothing new, but an increasing number of couples are taking the school theme further - they are holding solemnisation ceremonies at their alma mater.

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