

Wedding Speech Template

1. Begin your speech by welcoming your guests, or by introducing subsequent speakers, if any.

*Hello, everyone. I thought it would be a good idea to start my speech early for fear that I would be inebriated later on. *Dr Chan will be making a speech during the third course. He's my dearest friend and mentor – the Sugar Daddy of the bride. No lah, just kidding! He's like my god-father.*

2. Jump straight to the purpose of your speech – to give thanks. Thank your family, in-laws, and wedding party and vendors.

To Dad, thank you for always working hard to provide for the family. I can honestly say that I've never lacked anything that I needed because of your hard work. Thank you for always being proud of my achievements although you seldom say it. So when you do say it, it is very special. Daddy, thank you.

Mummy, thank you for your wonderful cooking all these years. You are the best cook I know and your cooking was always the one thing I longed for during my NS days. Thank you for being patient with us when you were teaching us how to cook some of your awesome food, and for allowing Sara and I to mess up your kitchen during the times we decided to make our own meals.

To my new Dad, thank you for making me feel welcomed in your family. The lengths you would go for your family and the sacrifices you made for them has inspired me to endeavor to do likewise. Thank you for all the times you brought me out shoe shopping, and how you patiently waited for me to try on multiple pairs before I found a comfortable one for my practically flat feet. I appreciate that and you very much.

To my new Mum, thank you for showing me what family dedication looks like. The amount of home improvement ideas and projects that you have completed are proof of that. I appreciate every tip and advice ranging from cooking to medical issues that you've given me. Thank you.

To our bridesmaids, groomsmen, honorary bridesmaids, ushers and emcees, thank you all for the help you've given us for the last few months in preparation for this day, and even more so for carrying out your various roles to ensure everything runs without a hitch!

I'd also like to give a big shout-out to Amanda Lee Weddings and LeGrand Wedding for the dazzling white cheongsam I am in now, and the coutured qipao

I was in earlier. Thank you for making the wedding complete, for what is a wedding without the gowns? And the groom too, of course.

*Boss – *Samuel, thank you for not firing me after 7 years. You know, I think Loyalty is a very underrated trait. Working relationships are somewhat similar to romantic relationships. You've been with so many before, and once you know you're in good company, stick to it.*

3. Put a personal touch by sharing an anecdote, your journey from courtship to proposal, or a meaningful reflection.

Do you know what is overrated? Love.

Love is and should not be the only criteria that keep two individuals together. There is also commitment. Responsibility. Passion. Humility. Mutual Respect. And you constantly work at it. Don't buka granny panties after five years. Armpit hair come out all.

*Being in a relationship with *Daniel is such an eye opener. Relationships need not be that hard, and compromises didn't feel compromising. Up to this day, I am still pleasantly surprised at how us two very different individuals can click so well. So effortless.*

I love weddings – not because of the legal binding that ties two individuals together. After all, the law, like promises, can be so easily broken. I love weddings because it is a celebration of people. Parties are always more fun when there is a reason to celebrate.

I love attending weddings because for one evening, your problems do not take precedence as you sit, eat, drink and be heroes. Anyway, pay ang pao already, better whack the alcohol!

4. Close your speech with a quick wrap-up and a toast to your guests.

For my own wedding, and this I learnt from Daniel, I am looking forward more to the marriage rather than the event itself. So, I'll like to take this opportunity to dedicate this evening to you, our dearest and closest. For your achievements and milestones. For overcoming your personal trials and tribulations. For grabbing life by the balls and saying enough is enough, I will make things work. For simply surviving. That is why this wedding is more than just a celebration of us – it is also a celebration of you all.

For being here with us today, Daniel and I cannot thank you enough.

**All names in this article have been changed to protect the identity of the individuals who volunteered their wedding speeches.*