**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**OFELIA CHEAH**

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Hello everyone!!! I am Ofelia, the very proud mother of our beautiful bride, Missy. You can imagine how exciting this moment is for Missy and the entire Cheah family.... I’m also sure all of you feel the excitement and love that fills this room!! I want to welcome all of you and thank each one of you for being here and sharing our joy. As I hope you will agree, family is everything. To have the blessings to see our daughter find love and her destiny, and to share the opportunity to witness members of one’s own family experience such happiness is, of course, one of the most special moments we can pray for. To have the added honor to have all of you here....many of whom have invested so much time and care and made such great effort in traveling from faraway places, shows us that **the world** has **truly** embraced Missy and Anton... that their love and union know no borders or boundaries... and as they were destined for each other, so will their happiness be celebrated. Tonight we can **REALLY** experience that weddings bring people together!!!! There is not only the “official” union formed by the bride and groom, but all of us... family, friends, loved ones... get to reconnect in celebration of love!!

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Anton’s family (**Name his parents if appropriate and if you wish, include his brothers and sisters if any**). To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to Anton’s brothers and sisters, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of my husband, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and our other children, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I want to acknowledge you for raising such a fine young man.... one with so many admirable qualities, not least of which is his love and appreciation for our daughter!!! We are happy and proud to witness our family grow thanks to this marriage, and we are thrilled to officially welcome our new son-in-law. We look forward to many more happy family occasions in the future!!

Ever since I can remember, Missy has always been exactly who she is today. I once heard an expression, that, when stated simply, tells us, “Give me the child and I will show you the woman.” That is so true of Missy. She has always been a sweet and affectionate daughter, one who is generous with her love and care.... especially towards her dad. Missy has always shown and respected a strong bond with her two brothers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ... and it’s been that way since they were small. She has also consistently demonstrated her focus... she was an accomplished student and achiever in school and at work as a marketing executive, she does a wonderful job.... she believes in excellence and brings that drive to all that she attempts.... and always makes her family proud.

(**If you want to make a little joke, you can say**) Some people may think students go to college just to study.... and others realize that attending college has other benefits!!! While Missy was an excellent student, she was also bright enough to “absorb the atmosphere...” meet people, and find special friendships that blossom as one is young and eager, and in the process of learning and “conquering the world.” Luckily, for all of us, Missy and Anton were fellow students and friends at university. Anton is equally a nice and sweet guy, one who is very well-mannered, respectful and funny.... which really helps for him to blend in beautifully and get along well with us in the family.  As I said earlier, I'd like to commend the Baldemor family for raising such a fine young man.

It is so rare in this world that we find someone that really “completes us...” someone that is our intellectual equal, our moral partner, and our best friend. I am happy that Missy and Anton were so blessed to have found one another. Missy and Anton, as you continue to find your way in life and in love, remember there are some very simple tips to a long and happy marriage.... Remember to **listen** to one another... don’t just acknowledge that you hear the other’s voice.... **listen** for the message... ask questions to grasp the communication... **pay attention**. Always keep in your hearts the way you feel right now.... express your love for one another often... not just in words, but in gestures of affection and acts of thoughtfulness. Maintain a certain amount of independence but never lose sight of the simple fact that the two of you are now **ONE**... find the balance between individuality and partnership. When done the right way, each supports the other. Remember that each of you is wonderful in your own rite... together, you’re **UNSTOPPABLE**!!! The poet, Henry David Thoreau said, There is no remedy for love but to **love more**.” I have **NO DOUBT** that the two of you already practice this!!

As we all know, weddings are a time of celebration, so....I invite all of you to enjoy this delicious dinner and take some time to dance the night away!!! Congratulations Missy and Anton!!! We love you!!! Thank you all!!