

CULTURAL CUSTOMS

At our wedding reception, we will participate in the Korean custom of “Paebaek” (폐백) and the Vietnamese custom of lễ tổ tiên and tea ceremony.

PAEBAEK (폐백)

The ceremony of “Paebaek” (폐백) symbolizes the union between the families of the bride and groom. The engaged couple both wear ceremonial Korean wedding attire called the “hanbok” (한복), bow deeply to their parents and honorees, and receive wisdom for their future.

Finally, the honorees will throw dates (symbolizing daughters) and chestnuts (symbolizing sons) which the bride will try to catch in her skirt.

According to legend, the number of dates and chestnuts caught signifies how many daughters and sons she will bear. The ceremony concludes with the groom giving his bride a piggyback ride, symbolizing his everlasting devotion and love for her throughout their life.

LỄ TỔ TIÊN

The ceremony of lễ tổ tiên (also known as “ancestor ceremony”) venerates the lives of past ancestors. The incense symbolizes the blessing from the ancestors.

The traditional Vietnamese tea ceremony is significant because it gives the couple a chance to show their respect and appreciation to their parents and family members for their love and sacrifice.

The couple also wear the traditional Vietnamese dress, the áo dài. The colors of the áo dài symbolize good luck, prosperity, and tradition.