

# The story of Rebecca and Bando

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In June 2009, Rebecca and Toyohiro Bando attended the same wedding of a mutual friend in Hong Kong where the two hit it off and began dating soon after the wedding. After a year filled with romance and adventure, the two took a trip to Hawaii for a little rest and relaxation. While getting ready for dinner one night, Rebecca came out of the bathroom to find Bando down on one knee, with a marriage proposal in hand.



It was then inevitable that the wedding was to be in Hawaii. Browsing the many venues with wedding planner [Bliss Creations](#), the couple decided on the Olawalu Plantation House in Maui. “We loved the greenery of the plantation and the ocean front views—it was the perfect beach location,” recalled Rebecca of the location.

Their families and friends traveled from Asia and North America to reach the intimate wedding in Maui and to kick off celebrations, a Luau dinner was arranged to get them into the “Aloha” spirit.

On the day of the event, guests made their way to the ocean side location with stunning sea views and expansive lawns. Guests were invited to take Polaroid images of themselves for the guest book while reminiscing over good times and looking over old photos.

Announced by a traditional Hawaiian blowing of the conch and wearing a sheer-lace backed Chapter One silk gown, Rebecca walked down the aisle with her father. “The moment we pledged our vows to one another in front of all of our beloved friends and family was the most memorable and unforgettable moment of the entire event,” Rebecca says.



The plantation also hosted the reception dinner following the ceremony under a beautiful sheer dining canopy and elegant orchid floral arrangements. Guests were invited to enjoy the sunset while sipping tropical cocktails and encouraged to enjoy the beach surroundings before sitting down for dinner. Local Hawaiian specialties, mixed with emotional speeches from all family members, gave the dinner an intimate and romantic feel. Guests were also given Japanese Furoshuki goody bags filled with embossed pressed tea and Hawaiian cookies as a memento of the event. The celebrations continued late into the night with lots of laughter and dancing. “We could not have asked for anything more from this wonderful event. Everything was done by Bliss Creations site

unseen and it turned out exactly as we had imagined”, recalled Rebecca & Bando.



A final, unexpected surprise happened soon after the wedding, which delayed their Italian honeymoon. The couple gave birth and couldn't be happier now raising their baby girl, Luca.







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AND

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