

2 May 2006, Singapore

Dear friends and family:



First, we'd like to thank you very much for coming to attend our wedding in Singapore. We had a fabulous time seeing all of you come for the festivities and hope that you found your Singapore stay relaxing and hopefully none too hot! For those of you who couldn't come, thanks for supporting us in our new life together with your well wishes and gifts. We are off to a happy and busy starting time as a new family.



Since the festivities at the end of the year, the chores from the wedding still haven't been finished. Although you are finally holding our thank you letter, our duties with our professional photographer still are on-going: we should be receiving a final wedding album from them by mid June, so when you come to visit us in Singapore again, we'll be able to show it to you. Pictures from friends, family and the ImageGarden team are now all on the website so we hope you will come take a look at yourselves and friends who were at the wedding.



We are now moved in together at Min's place at Gillman Heights and spend most of our spare time together catching up with housework and chores. Although both of us are busy with work, we have found the time to do some traveling in the lieu of our "25-part honeymoon" (Alicia: What? Only 25 parts?). We spent a few days in January in Phuket, at the famed Banyan Tree resort (owned by Singaporeans incidentally). It seems that the resort town had already largely recovered from the Boxing day tsunami. Min had his first taste of riding in a tuk-tuk and found the experience quite enjoyable.

Our second trip was to Italy, piggybacking off a conference trip that Min needed to make. We visited Trento, Firenze (Florence) and Venezia (Venice) over the course of the week, touring by rail. Aside from museum hopping in Florence's Uffizi museum to see Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Primavera, in Venice we spent one day touring the outer lagoon islands of Murano and Burano. We enjoyed these quieter, colorful spots, although we found Italy in April still to be too cool compared to Singaporean weather (Min made a mistake of predicting T-shirt weather for the trip; it was about 5-8 C for most of the trip; and cooler - Brrrr! - in the evening).



In the work world, this year is relatively uneventful. Alicia has been recognized for her hard work and is continuing to work for Dow and accepting added responsibilities. Min has renewed his 3-year contract with the National University of Singapore and is working on consolidating his research and promoting his work among researchers in the field.

This year sees a few of our friends tying the knot and enlarging their families. Well wishes to all of Min's friends back in the US we're sorry we can't make it out to see you this year! Two of our friends will be marrying this year: Min's best man (Kai) in Korea with his fiancée, and one of Alicia's bridesmaids (Serene) to her fiancé.

As always, you have a standing invitation to come out and visit us here in Singapore. Our address and phone number remain the same, so we hope you will give us a call when you are free.

Love and hugs from Singapore!

Alicia and Min