Association of Bridal Consultants, U.S.A.
Welcome to ABC!
Association of Bridal Consultants

Introduction
ABC (Association of Bridal Consultants) is biggest and most valuable Association over the world. The Association is for bridal professionals, bridal market and brides & grooms.

Association has almost 5,500 members in 32 countries. Our individual members are separated into Professional levels and Assistant level. The Professional Members are from business of Wedding Planning and business of Related Fields such as Wedding Gown, Flower, Photo, Video, Make-Up, Paper Items etc... The Assistant Members are for begginer or for less than enough business experiences ABC Members are also by corporate entities from Hotels, Wedding Sites, Educational Institutions, Websites, Magazines and Suppliers.

Head Office of ABC is located in Connecticut, United States. ABC is Leading Organization especially in U.S. bridal market. Main roles of ABC are to 1. issue the Certificate to proof member's professionalism or experiences and to 2. educate members for improvement and more successful. The ABC has more than a half of century history including the activities from previous entity of "Professional Bridal Association" established on 1955.
Yoshi Kohara is responsible for all members in following Asian Countries.

South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippine, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Kingdom of Cambodia, Union of Myanmar, Lao People's Democratic Republic

There are now almost 600 members in Japan. South Korea is responsible by Mrs. Ahn Kyung-Ja. ABC issues local members of the Certificate and Licensed Pin to proof their professionalism or experiences and provide available information.

Yoshi Koara / Director of Asian Markets/ President of Sophia Trading Co., Ltd.
Yoshi started trading business on 1992 after experiences of Foreign Currency Exchange and Money Dealing business at Credit Suisse Bank and Fuji Bank in Japan,
1. Import and wholesale business of Wedding Gowns in Japan.
2. Consultation for hotels or wedding sites. Training Wedding Planners.
3. Represent Association activities in Japan since 2002 and for Asian members since 2007.
Certifications
We designate members' professionalism or experiences as following certified titles:

1. **Assistant Bridal Planner (ABP)**
   Issued to the members who have less than 2 years experience of business of wedding consulting or wedding planning.
   *Required to learn text book “American Wedding & Business”.
   * It is additionally required to pass the Qualified Examination in Japan, Korea and Hong Kong and other countries appliers are required only to learn text book.

2. **Professional Bridal Consultant (PBC)**
   Issued to Bridal Consultant who works for consulting or planning business for the couples or for the markets.
   *Required to learn text book “American Wedding & Business” and evaluated by “Business & Marketing Reports”.
   *All appliers must have more than 2 years experiences in wedding planning business.

3. **Professional Wedding Vendor (PWV)**
   Issued to Vendors Who works for related products or services such as Wedding Gown, Photo, Flower, Video, Beauty, Media, Catering etc....
   *Required to learn text book “American Wedding & Business” and evaluated “Business & Marketing Reports”.
   *All appliers much have more than 3 years experiences in wedding related business fields.

4. **Accredited/Master Degrees**
   Required to be continued professional certified member status for more than 3 years and details to be Accredited or Master designation is contacted at Yoshi Kohara.

- Assistant/Professional Wedding Flower Designer Degrees are currently approved only in Japan.

Corporate Membership
Corporate companies can be involved with ABC as Corporate member and schooling members are announced as ABC Recognized School.

1. **Corporate Member**
   Membership for business entities such as Hotels, Wedding Sites, Medias, Websites and the Suppliers etc..

2. **Schooling Member**
   Membership for schooling institutions who provide ABC recognized educational program of American Wedding & Business or educational program of American Wedding Flower Arrangements.
Association Activities and Member’s Benefits

1. Providing American Wedding Information
   1) Dialogue News Paper (issued from ABC Head Office every 2 months) can be downloaded at member’s website
   2) Issued News Letter from ABC Japan Office, regarding American Wedding New Trends and Information
   3) Issued Certificate and Licensed Pin.

Annual Registration Fee for the Members
For Republic of Korea (South Korea)
Assistant Bridal Planner 310,000 Won
Professional. Bridal Consultant 450,000 Won
Professional Wedding Vendor 350,000 Won
Schooling Member 610,000 Won
Corporate Member 610,000 Won
*Paid to ABC Korea Office.

For Hong Kong
Assistant Bridal Planner 2,500 Hong Kong Dollars
Professional. Bridal Consultant 3,500 Hong Kong Dollars
Professional Wedding Vendor    2,750 Hong Kong Dollars
Schooling Member     4,500 Hong Kong Dollars
Corporate Member      6,800 Hong Kong Dollars

*Paid to Citibank Hong Kong Account

For Singapore
Assistant Bridal Planner   28,000 Japanese Yen
Professional B. Consultant 41,000 Japanese Yen
Professional W. Vendor    32,000 Japanese Yen
Corporate Member         55,000 Japanese Yen
Schooling Member          55,000 Japanese Yen

*Paid to Citibank Hong Kong Account or Mizuho Bank, Tokyo Chuo Branch in Japan.

For Malaysia
Assistant Bridal Planner   10,500 Japanese Yen
Professional B. Consultant 15,000 Japanese Yen
Professional W. Vendor    15,000 Japanese Yen
Corporate Member         45,000 Japanese Yen
Schooling Member          45,000 Japanese Yen

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For Taiwan R.O.C.
Assistant Bridal Planner   20,000 Japanese Yen
Professional B. Consultant 30,000 Japanese Yen
Professional W. Vendor    23,000 Japanese Yen
Corporate Member         40,000 Japanese Yen
Schooling Member          40,000 Japanese Yen

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Common other fees
1. CD Text Book “American Wedding & Business”
2. Licensed Pin & Certificate Frame
*Pls contact Yoshi Kohara for cost details for Korea office for Korean appliers.

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