

TRADITIONAL WEDDING PARTY OF WEST SUMATRA
ABSTRACT
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One of the tribes in Indonesia is Minangkabau. This tribe adhere matrilinealism, which the woman group more dominated in the family, special in wedding party. If couple had closer relation friendship want to marry, they must follow same tradition of wedding party such as :

1. Proposing, 2. Sign of being agreed to marry, 3. Marriage, 4. Reception of wedding party.

1. Proposing

The family of the girl comes to the family of the boy to propose him. They take all kinds of food a sign of the approval by both sides. At that time, they discuss about 4 majority points above.

2. Sign of being agreed to marry

The second step of the traditional wedding party, when the woman of the boy's family comes to the girl's family to deliver a lot of thing like : a. money, b. cosmetics, c. many kinds of cloth and food etc.

In this circumstance all the thing will be held by woman of both side.

3. Marriage

The girl's family comes to the boy's family for picking the bride groom up by bring one pair of cloths and all kinds of food and beautiful cup contents : betel, arece etc. They greeted by ceremony and discuss again, and least eat together. The bride groom and his family are taken to be marry at the house of the girls family by moslem priest, and they are procleamed husband and wife.

4. Reception of wedding party

The follow up reception will be held in a formal way in another building by inviting all the family of the couple and all relationship. The newly married is greeted by traditional dance, then they seat on the beautiful chair (pelaminan) together with father and mother both side.

Conclusion

The traditional wedding party represents of the special ways, which the woman more dominates in traditional wedding party.

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