**Chinese Modern Wedding Custom---- The Wedding Banquet**

1. the wedding banquet is the most important part in Chinese Modern wedding custom

* a good wedding feast means the new couples and their families have “face”

1. the wedding color is red because red is considered to be lucky and to scare away evil spirits

* It connects with a legend about the origin of "year"

1. Procedure of the wedding banquet

* first part is Chinese wedding tea ceremony

→newlyweds bow three times, to the heaven and earth, to their parents, then to each other

→the bride presents tea to the parents which means respects them

* second part is the banquet

→the couple toasts the guests and the guests do the same

* third part is guests leaving

→the couple and their parents stand in line at the door to thank the guests and wish them well as they leave

D. Newlyweds’ dressing

* the groom wears formal western clothing
* the bride changes three wedding dresses

→first dressing is a western style white wedding gown with veil

→second wedding dress is a traditional Chinese bridal dress

→third is the bride’s going away dress, a cocktail dress

* the traditional Chinese bridal dress has two different styles

→one-piece frock name Qi Pao and two-piece dress named Qun Gua

Transition sentence:

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