

# ONE MICHELINE STAR



**DR MICHELINE ONG,** owner of beauty salon Cristalle de Paris, has a series of glamorous publicity shots. But that's to be expected when you're a beauty consultant to royalty and a sometime star.

**3} Is invited to royal weddings.** When Princess Raja Adlina, the niece of the Sultan of Perak, got married in 2004, Dr Ong and her businessman husband were the only Singaporeans invited. She brought along local paparazzi for the occasion.

**4} Royalty appear in her ads for free.** The same princess was so grateful to Dr Ong for making her slim and pimple-free, she shot a TV ad for Cristalle de Paris.



**5} Exchanges calligraphy with Saudi royalty.** Her Chinese calligraphy occupies pride of place somewhere in the Saudi Arabia palace. They've also presented her with a special Quran in Chinese. Dr Ong is Catholic.

**6} Has been on TV and radio.** She hosted segments on an afternoon talk show on Ch 8 and radio talk shows, and has written beauty columns for magazines.

**So what's the royal treatment like?** Her latest is the Lemieon treatment, which claims to whiten, detox, and lift skin, and provide pore-reducing and anti-aging effects without botox, lasers, or chemical peels. Her ingredients are all plant-based, as she says that the Muslims in the royal families don't like animal ingredients. It all happens in her three-storey shophouse at Temple Street. Don't be frightened by the Baroque-without-irony décor, gilt-edged furniture, and salmon drapes. If it's good enough for royalty, it's good enough for you.

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**▶ Doctor who?** Dr Micheline Ong, a 52-year-old beauty guru with a doctorate in business management.

**Her shop's called Cristalle de what?** Unlike beauty salons who tack on a "de Paris" to add pish-poshiness, Dr Ong's French roots are for real. As a plucky twentysomething, she packed her bags for France to learn the beauty trade from dermatologist Dr Gerard Olean. She rose up the ranks there and made contacts with the rich and royal, before coming home to start Cristalle de Paris in 1986.

## Claims to fame:

**1} Has a Rolls Royce.** Made news during the late '90s financial crisis when she bought a Rolls Royce to ferry VIP clients to and from her salon. Still provides the service.



**2} Has blue-blooded clientele.** Malaysian, Bruneian, and Saudi royalty fly in for facials and treatments. She occasionally goes to see them as well.