



CHOO Kok Leong 朱國良 (1910–1996)

Producer, Executive Producer, Management Personnel

A Malaysian Chinese born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Choo studied at the University of Oxford and returned to work for the Malaysian government and Serdang Agriculture College upon graduation. He was member of board of directors of numerous Malaysian banks, rubber and tinore companies. In 1959, he joined the board of directors of Cathay Organisation (Singapore) Ltd and became the right-hand man of President Loke Wan Tho. Choo was appointed as Senator of the upper house of the Parliament of Malaysia the same year. When Loke died in a plane crash in 1964, Choo took over as the President of Cathay Organisation (Singapore) and restructured Motion Picture and General Investment Co Ltd (MP & GI) into Cathay Organisation (HK) (1965) Ltd in the following year. Cathay, under Choo's six-year leadership, continued its distribution business and produced more than 90 films, including *A Debt of Blood* (1966), *Escort over Tiger Hills* (1969), *The Homemaker* (1970), *From the Highway* (1970), etc. Its production unit was disbanded in 1971.

Choo retired in 1985 and Cathay's business was succeeded by his daughter Meileen Choo. He passed away in 1996 at the age of 86.