



## **Leonard HO 何冠昌** (1925–1998.2.16)

### **Producer, Executive Producer**

One of the founders of Golden Harvest (HK) Limited. A native of Guangdong, Ho was born in Hong Kong and graduated from the Department of Journalism of Fudan University in Shanghai. He worked at *Hong Kong Times* as assignment editor in the 1950s. In 1958, Raymond Chow joined Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Ltd as publicity manager and at his invitation, Ho joined the company and became his long-time deputy.

In 1970, Ho left Shaws with Raymond Chow and Leung Fung to establish Golden Harvest, and together they served as the company's board of directors. Under his management, film production at Golden Harvest went from strength to strength. In 1974, he engaged John Woo as the director-in-residence and went on to nurture Sammo Hung and Jackie Chan as the mainstay of Golden Harvest. In the 1980s, Ho acted as executive producer for both Sammo Hung's Bo Ho Films Company Limited and Jackie Chan's Golden Way Films Limited. By the time he passed away in 1998, he had served Golden Harvest for 28 years and produced over 100 films. Ho became vice president of Golden Harvest Entertainment Group after it became a listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1994. He passed away of heart attack in Hong Kong on 16 February 1998.