



Peter CHEN Ho 陳厚 (1929.7.1–1970.4.16)

Actor

A native of Shanghai with the original name Chen Shanghou, Chen came to Hong Kong with his family in 1950. He was hired by Shaw & Sons Ltd in 1953 but he did not sign a contract with the company. Chen later earned the recognition of director Tu Guangqi, who recommended him to join Hsin Hwa Motion Picture Company. He debuted with *The Dawn of China's Revolution* (1953) and played the leading role for the first time in *Holiday Express* (1957). Chen joined Motion Picture and General Investment Co Ltd ([MP & GI], which later restructured into Cathay Organisation [HK] [1965] Ltd) in 1957 and shot to fame with *Mambo Girl* (1957).

Hailed as 'Master of Comedy', he appeared in films produced by MP & GI, Shaws and Cathay. Among his most memorable works were the MP & GI features *The Battle of Love* (1957), *Happy Union* (1957), *Calendar Girl* (1959); and Shaws productions, *Les Belles* (1961), *Love Parade* (1963), *The Lark* (1965), etc. Chen acted in around 80 films during his career. He played the lead role in *Love Song of the South Sea* directed by Shima Koji (Shi Mashan). Before completion of the film, Chen was diagnosed of cancer. Kuei Chih-hung took over the project as director, and Chin Feng became the male lead. The film was renamed as *Love Song over the Sea* and was released in 1970.

After an unsuccessful marriage, he married actress Betty Loh Ti in 1962, but their relationship ended in divorce in 1967. Chen died of colon cancer in the US on 16 April 1970.