

## Tommy WONG Kwong-leung 黃光亮 (b. 1958.9.25)

## **Actor, Producer**

Born in Hong Kong, Wong is a native of Guangdong. He was expelled from school in secondary one and entered the workforce afterwards, working in different fields before entering the film industry. He had his first cameo role in *Oh! My Cops!* (1983) directed by Danny Lee, and appeared later in *Long Arm of the Law* (1984) and *City on Fire* (1987). On Nam Yin's recommendation, he played a gangster chief Bill in *Prison on Fire* (1987), a role that earned him immediate fame, and the nomination for Best New Performer at the 7th Hong Kong Film Awards.

Wong's film career was most active during the 1980s and 90s, featuring in more than 60 different titles. Touted as one of the four biggest villains in Hong Kong film, he specialises in playing violent and merciless figures. Most outstanding among them are Wild Bull in *Final Justice* (1988); the hatchet man in *China White* (1989); Trumpet in *A Moment of Romance* (1990), who forcibly seizes leadership of the underworld; and the corrupt police officer in *To Be Number One* (1991). He also appeared in films of different genres, such as *Stooges in Tokyo* (1991), *Justice My Fool* (1993) and *Now You See me Now You Don't* (1994).

Wong once formed Bright Films Production Ltd, which produced *Rich Man* (1992). In 1995, he launched Entertainment Power Ltd and produced films such as *The Log* (1996). In the late 1990s, he gradually retreated from the film world to become a businessman in the Mainland. He returned to Hong Kong, however, to pick up film production at the beginning of the new millennium, adding to his repertoire such films as *Let It Be* (2000) and *Take Top* (2000). He also invests in films in the Mainland, including *Last Hour* (2008), a French production. After starring in the Mainland production *Before Born* (2006), he took a hiatus from the film industry. He made a comeback in 2013, starring in such films as *Imprisoned: Survival Guide for Rich and Prodigal* (2015) and *Lucky Fat Man* (2017). He also had several starring roles in dramas produced by Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB), including *Inbound Troubles* (2013) and *My Dangerous Mafia Retirement Plan* (2016). He played Wong Cho-lam's father in the former and a gangster chief in the latter. His excellent interpretation of the gangster role once again won popular acclaim.