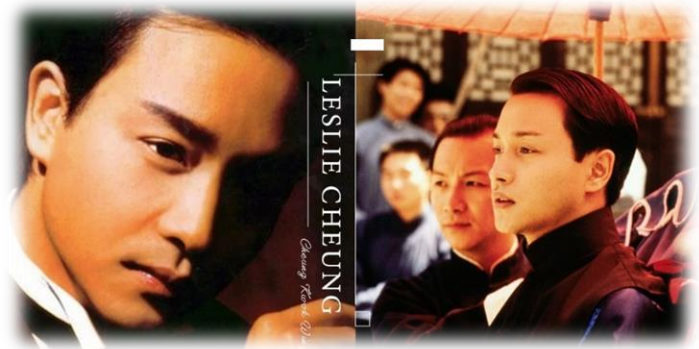


Leslie

The early days of Leslie

Back in the 70s, Leslie was lesser known by the public. It was a shop selling vinyl which were mostly from the US and Japan. Since the mid-70s, Cantopop has gained popularity among the people with the release of Cantonese songs of Sam Hui. Before 1983, Leslie was just one of the hundreds ordinary vinyl shops. What's so



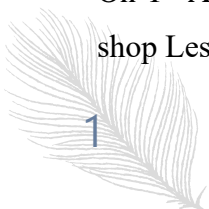
special about 1983? Interestingly, an actor and singer, who coincidentally called Leslie Cheung, started to become popular due to the song “The Wind Blows On” and the film “Drummer”. Although the shop Leslie had no linkage with Leslie Cheung, the shopkeeper could sense the potential benefits for having the same name with the superstar. It then only sold the posters and vinyl of Leslie Cheung. This action was really risky but the investment turned out to be very rewarding. In 1984, Leslie Cheung’s song “Monica” was very famous and the shop Leslie was then on a roll until 1990, when Leslie Cheung decided to stop being a singer.

What Leslie is famous for

Undoubtedly, the shop Leslie is famous for selling products related to the celebrity. If you are one of the fans of Leslie Cheung, you definitely know this shop. There were not only tons of vinyl like “Summer Romance” in 1987, “Hot Summer” in 1988, “Leslie” and “Final Encounter” in 1989. In Leslie, there were also vinyl which only the DJs were supposed to have. Despite the fact that Leslie Cheung stopped being a singer in 1990, he was still a movie star participating in films like “Days of Being Wild” and “Farewell My Concubine”. Therefore, the shop Leslie could still earn a lot. There were rumours that Leslie Cheung would visit the shop Leslie once a month. In light of that, many people would go there every day. The shop Leslie then tried to expand, selling coffee to the fans while naming the coffee with the songs of Leslie Cheung, like “Sleepless Night”, probably implying that the coffee could keep you awake.

Time for Leslie to close

On 1st April 2003, Leslie Cheung committed suicide. This tragedy had a significant impact on the shop Leslie. 99 days after the death of Leslie Cheung, the last album “Everything Follows the Wind”



was released. Afterwards, the shop Leslie eventually suffered a great loss as Leslie Cheung's influence was in a decline and no new products could be produced. The shopkeeper has been trying every method to save his shop but all the efforts were, unfortunately, in vain. The last day of the shop will be on 1st April 2021. The saying "a moment of light is not eternal", which was originally said by Choi Fung Wah in 1985 to show discontent at Leslie Cheung, turns out to be true. "When you see the stars in the sky, will you remember me?", a lyric in the song "Bright Star", was sung by Leslie Cheung in his concert Final Encounter of the Legend in 1990 to farewell. And now it has a new meaning. Go visit this shop before it can only be in our memories. Don't miss this last chance.

