

Ichungkanch'ôp / *Comrade*, aka *Double Agent*



Synopsis

During the solemn Cold War era of the 1980's, LIM Byung-ho, a North Korean espionage agent, defects to South Korea. He is submitted to severe torture and questioning to check if he is not a double agent. He eventually is assigned to the Analysis Center of North Korean Intelligence inside the South Korean National Security Agency. One day, Byung-ho receives his first, mysterious order: "Contact DJ." He meets Yun Sun-mi, a radio show hostess and fellow spy, who was born in South Korea and whose father flew to the North. She serves as the liaison agent between him and the North. He falls in love with her, and this feeling jeopardises his mission since he starts questioning it. He is also slowly mistrusted by the Agency, and he manages to organise their escape before it is too late. She leaves first to Brazil, where he goes later after having handled some important papers to a foreign agent who helps him run away. Few years later, she is pregnant, they live a discrete hidden life in Brazil, but one day finally he meets his destiny and is murdered. By the South? By the North?... (Source: KOFIC)

Data sheet

Director: KIM Steve aka KIM Hyeon-jeong (김현정 / 金玄政) (DOB 1973)

Main Cast: HAN Suk-kyu(Byung-ho), KOH So-young(Soo-mi)

Release Date: JAN 24 2003

Genre: Thriller – espionage

Production: Koo & Film

Executive Producer: PARK Moo-seung

Producer: KOO Bon-han, PARK Min-hee

Screenplay: SHIM Hye-won, BAEK Seung-jae, KIM Jeong-haeng et KIM Hyeon-jeong Original Story KOO Bon-han

Cinematography: KIM Sung-bok

Editing: KIM Sang-bum

Lighting: SHIN Hak-sung

Music: Michael STAUDACHER
Art Director: NOH Sang-soon

Production Budget: US\$ 4.2M
Distribution: Showbox/Mediaplex, Inc.

123 mn, 35mm, Color

Rate: Over 15

Box-office results: 364,100 (Seoul only) on 53 screens (19th position).