HU-YUEH TE KU SHIH (HONG KONG (FOR CHINA), 1981)

(Other titles: God of killers; History of Woo Viet; Hu yue de gu shi; Story of Wu Viet; Woo yuet dik goo si; Woo Yuet’s story; Wu yue de gushi)

Credits: director, Ann Hui; writer, Cheung Kin Ting.
Cast: Chow Yun Fat, Lo Lieh, Chung Chor Hung, Cora Mui.
Summary: Noir melodrama set in contemporary Hong Kong and Manila. Depicts the lonely and aimless life of refugee Chinese-Vietnamese (Viet Ching) in the person of Wu Viet (Chow Yun Fat) an ex-South Vietnamese soldier who has reached Hong Kong as a refugee. While confined in a refugee camp, he meets Lip Lap Kwan (Mui). Wu dreams of establishing a new life in America, but he is implicated in a political murder in the camp and has to flee. Lip arranges with a Chinese triad gang to help Wu and other refugees escape to Manila disguised as Japanese tourists. There, Wu and a new girl friend Shum Ching (also a Viet Ching refugee) get trapped in the Manila underworld. She is sold into prostitution and Wu is turned into a paid assassin.

Tesson, Charles (see under Assayas, Olivier)