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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
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As someone who joined the Foreign Correspondents' Club 30 years ago, and worked as editor of the Correspondent in the run-up to the 1997 handover, I have both a good working knowledge of the club's activities and an understanding of why the FCC became such a legendary destination.

The FCC is the perfect crossroads for media, business and politics in Hong Kong, China and the greater Asia-Pacific region. It embodies and combines the traditional concept of R&R and the modern idea of networking.

As a first time nominee for Correspondent Governor, I hope to help keep it such a vital institution by engaging not only with fellow journalists but also with the extensive network of business and professional people I know through working for years in the trade media. Whether correspondent, journalist, diplomat, lawyer, accountant, or business person, the FCC can be a valuable resource as well as a great place to hang out and relax.

I would focus on the FCC's two core assets: (1) cementing its desirability as a venue known for great F&B and service and (2) upholding its central tenet of being a place where foreign correspondents and their contacts exchange notes and observations of the world around them.

The FCC's roster of speakers has always been compelling and I would work to maintain and develop our standard of professional events, adding to insight about the Asia-Pacific region, China and Hong Kong – from hyperlocal issues concerning our neighbourhood to technological developments that affect our planet.

About me

I have been working as a journalist in Asia continuously since 1996, based in Bangalore, Hanoi, Jakarta and Sharjah as well as Hong Kong. I covered the 1997 handover for the New York Post and I have lived in Hong Kong – this is my third stint in the city – since 2010. I have worked for the Hong Kong Standard and the Far Eastern Economic Review and published in The Wall Street Journal, the South China Morning Post, as well as numerous trade and specialty magazines such as Variety and Asia Business Law Journal.

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