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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
Board of Governors 2019-2020**



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Greetings, fellow members. I'm Kristine Servando, a Filipino journalist working at Bloomberg News. I've been a member of the FCC since 2015 but have been participating in events and enjoying the sparkling conversations at the Main Bar and Bert's long before that. In fact the club was my first port of call when I arrived in Hong Kong seven years ago.

The FCC is a wonderful place for exchanging ideas, encountering fresh perspectives and learning about industries beyond our own. If elected as correspondent board governor, I would like to support further activities that highlight the diversity of our membership, and to attract members from diverse backgrounds, through cultural nights, film screenings and after-office-hours forums.

I look forward to helping with recruitment drives and to facilitate mentorship programs for students and journalists who are just starting out. I would also like to champion environment-friendly initiatives such as reducing the use of single-use plastic for food and inviting engaging experts who can illuminate the ways we can leave less of a damaging imprint.

Most importantly, I will support the club's core mission to uphold press freedom. We should not operate under a climate of fear, censure or threat of harassment (including within the club). We can show our solidarity by utilizing our links to partner clubs across the region such as hosting joint talks and awareness campaigns. Information resources are also key: we could make space on the FCC's website for a handy database of advice, links and other useful information on topics such as how to defend against cyber-harassment, based on information from the numerous guest speakers and supporters who have shared their expertise at FCC events.

Bio: I started my career in 2007 as an investigative reporter for Newsbreak Magazine and ABS-CBNNews.com in Manila before joining the Jakarta Globe and South China Morning Post as a copy editor. I joined Bloomberg in 2015 as part of a completely new online news team tasked to cover Asia-Pacific markets, business, politics and lifestyle. I have reported stories on a variety of topics, from North Korea nuclear intelligence to Cuban tourism to the complex labor situation for domestic helpers in Hong Kong.

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