



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
Board of Governors 2015-2016**



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The Foreign Correspondents' Club plays a vital role for foreign correspondents and local journalists in Hong Kong. The club's lunches and dinners offer a valuable chance for reporters and editors to hear from newsmakers from all over the world. Our diplomatic, associate and corporate members benefit as much as correspondents and journalists from our many events.

Having taken a year-long break from the board, I would like to return to the institution to play a renewed role in making our club the best journalistic institution it can be, in addition to a great place for a drink or a meal. I was the convener or co-convener of the professional committee through most of the years that I was previously on the board. I have continued to attend the committee's meetings and to help draft speech announcement fliers in the past year as one of the committee's three non-board members.

The committee has tried to invite the best speakers we can find, arranging close to 70 events a year. I would like to resume playing an even more active role with the committee.

The club's overall membership has risen steeply in recent years, mostly because of a welcome influx from the financial and legal sectors. But to fulfill our role as Hong Kong's international media hub and attract the best possible speakers, we need to make sure we have as many correspondent and journalist members as possible. Over the last few years, I pushed three measures through the board creating six-month promotions that allowed correspondents and journalists to join the club at reduced rates. In 2010, I strongly backed the decision to begin an open-ended promotion and extend the duration of reduced monthly dues to three years instead of two for new correspondent and journalist members. These membership promotions have been important to revitalizing the club as a media center.

Please elect me as a correspondent governor.

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