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



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Dear fellow members,

Over the past three years, the FCC has nurtured me through many career highlights and personal adventures: CY Leung's election, Occupy Central and the Rurik Jutting trial, as well as two back to back pregnancies. No matter what has happened, I could look forward to Friday evening with a perfectly chilled drink surrounded by fascinating regulars and immaculate staffers. Now, I ask for your kind support in order to give back to the club, especially as we head into a challenging period with potentially contentious issues.

Having been based on three continents over 13 years, first for Reuters and now BBC News, I can say there is no institution like the FCC anywhere else in the world. I would like to contribute my time, energy and commitment to ensure it will continue for many more decades. Key to the club's longevity will be continuing to attract a diverse mix of new members. We can do that by building on an already user-friendly website, making more videos and speeches available online. And I would love to see more events aimed at working women.

As the former bearer of a resident journalist visa during the pre-Olympic golden years in China, I am dismayed that it is so time consuming for Hong Kong-based reporters to get temporary journalist visas for the mainland. I hope to band with other correspondents to lobby the Chinese Foreign Ministry to simplify the visa application process.

After reporting from some rather authoritarian places, I am incredibly relieved to be living in a city where press freedom is so highly valued. Of course, it is also under pressure for commercial and political reasons. That makes the FCC's mission all the more crucial. I would be proud to serve an institution that stands firm at the heart of the free speech debate.

I began my journalism career as a student reporter and editor for the Stanford Daily. In 2001, I joined Reuters as a graduate trainee, based in London, Singapore and Colombo, where I covered the civil war. Then I spent three thrilling years in Beijing writing about politics, general news and technology. Eventually, I caught the broadcasting bug and joined BBC News, based in Singapore. There, I traveled throughout Asia as a business reporter and did several stints in London and New York. I became Hong Kong correspondent in 2012. Covering Occupy Central whilst 8.5 months pregnant has been my most memorable assignment so far.