

**Bio & Policy Statement**  
**President**  
**Board of Governors 2014-2015**



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It would be a tremendous honour to serve as president, both to drive change where it's needed and to conserve the best traditions of the world's greatest press club.

As a governor, I have worked most deeply on two issues that go to the heart of our mission: to attract a vibrant new mix of members, and to promote the cause of press freedom in Hong Kong, which has rarely been under such sustained attack. I am proud that we have anchored the club at the heart of that debate on press freedom internationally.

Our authority to speak out rests on the strength of voice we can bring through our membership. I intend to build on the good progress we have made in enlisting younger members from across the professional spectrum. This work is vital towards ensuring that the club remains in robust health for the next 70 years, and beyond.

We can help to do that by modernising our communications for the digital age, by diversifying the line-up of events and speakers we offer, and by forging stronger links between our media and associate members. We must continue reaching out to the wider community, for instance through building on the success of the annual ball, and show we are responsible tenants as negotiations loom with the SAR government on renewing the Ice House Street lease.

Of course, all of this would be impossible without the devotion of our staff. The president has a particular duty to work with key personnel to cement the FCC's status as the fulcrum of media activity in Asia and as a convivial home from home for all our members, both the long-serving and the newly arrived.

**BRIEF BIO:** I am deputy chief editor for AFP Asia-Pacific, helping to coordinate coverage on some of the world's biggest ongoing stories such as China and Afghanistan. This is our second stint living in Hong Kong; previous postings included Tokyo, Brussels and Washington DC, where I covered Barack Obama's historic election campaign in 2007-8. I am from London, a father of two, and in my rare moments of free time follow two sporting lost causes: Tottenham Hotspur and the England cricket team.

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