

Bio & Policy Statement
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Dear fellow FCC members,

It is a privilege to be a member of a world renowned club with both colourful traditions and an important modern day role in Hong Kong. Now, as a multimedia journalist and a passionate advocate of press freedom, I would like to play a greater role in contributing to the FCC.

As a member of Hong Kong's younger cohort of foreign correspondents, I would like to expand the club's engagement with young professionals beyond gatherings at the club's popular bars and restaurants. I would also enjoy devoting my multimedia skills to improving the FCC website and growing the club's online community via social media.

Having participated in both recent freedom of speech marches with the FCC, I recognise that this is a potentially pivotal moment for Hong Kong, with media integrity high on the agenda. Speaking about the issue to various members of the foreign and local press, I feel that it's important for the club to have a voice both in Hong Kong and further afield. I would like to play an active role in spreading the club's message of press freedom across Asia.

My network of media colleagues is not only active in Hong Kong but extends to Singapore where I was also a member of the Correspondent's Association. Although it is a smaller club, I loved being part of the foreign and local journalist community - a trait that I been continuing here in Hong Kong.

Bio: I am currently enjoying my third year of contracted employment as a multimedia producer with Reuters. Before coming to Asia from London, I was an Online Producer at ITN's Channel 4 News, writing web articles, editing video and expanding the programme's social media network.

My passion for current affairs springs from an early age as my family has a history of media involvement spanning three generations. The trend began with my grandfather who worked as a night printer in London's former newspaper hub of Fleet Street.