

**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2013-2014**



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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. China's foreign ministry maintains that the F.C.C. is its sole authorized interlocutor on journalism visas and other issues of access to the mainland, and refuses to discuss these problems with individual news organizations.

I want to make sure the Foreign Correspondents' Club's important role in Hong Kong is preserved. I have been the convener or co-convener of the professional committee for most of the past nine years. The committee has tried to invite the best speakers we can find, arranging close to 70 events a year. I want to remain active 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 re-elect me as a correspondent governor.

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