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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for President
Board of Governors 2017-2018**



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I have been on the FCC Board since 2011 - that makes me the most experienced, steady pair of hands in club governance. I've served on the House, Publications, Archives and Wall committees and been involved in major club issues for many years.

I have enjoyed working hands-on with the board, committee members, club staff and believe I have made a significant contribution. My primary concern is to support the club and its community to focus on positive interaction and mediation to achieve the best results for the club as a whole.

My experience in management and committee work has not only been at the FCC — I've been a member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Professional Photographers for almost 20 years and served as its president twice (1998-2000 and 2010-2012).

I've been based in Hong Kong since 1991 and my photographic work has featured on the covers and pages of Time magazine, the South China Morning Post, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Financial Times Germany, Discovery and many other international publications.

If you choose to elect me as president, my goal will be to strike a sensitive balance between professional issues and providing the best social experiences for all members.

This will mean:

- Advocating press freedom and better working conditions for journalists (Human Rights Press Awards, highlighting issues).
- Fostering industry talent (Journalism Day, cooperation with journalism schools, a joining subsidy for journalism students)
- Providing a platform for a diverse political, economic and cultural discourse (breakfast, lunch and dinner talks, exhibitions).
- Keeping the club affordable for all members.
- Continued improvements of club governance and fiscal responsibility.
- Maintaining the club's reputation as Asia's best and most recognised meeting place for international media.