



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Journalist Member Governor
Board of Governors 2017-2018**

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BIO

I am a senior editor at the South China Morning Post and have been a journalist for more than 30 years. I worked as a court reporter in London before coming to Hong Kong to join the SCMP in 1994. My roles have included news editor, deputy editor, and acting editor-in-chief. I write about legal and political affairs.

Through my coverage of court cases, I developed an interest in the law. I passed the Common Professional Examination in 2000 and a Masters degree in human rights law in 2005. I teach media law at the University of Hong Kong part time and law more generally for HKU SPACE.

I have been a Journalist Member Governor on the board for the last two years and am a co-convenor of the Press Freedom Committee and Constitutional Committee.

I am married with two teenage sons and enjoy hiking, running, swimming and the occasional game of football.

STATEMENT

My two years on the board have served to reinforce my conviction that the FCC is a great club with fine traditions which must be upheld as we adapt to changing times.

The club is unique. It is our favourite place to meet with friends and colleagues for a drink or a good meal. Every effort must be made to ensure this continues and that high standards are maintained.

But the FCC is much more than an eating and drinking club. It is a club which places journalists and journalism at its heart, a protector of press freedom and a catalyst for debate about issues of concern to our industry.

As a co-convenor of the Press Freedom Committee and a journalist for more than 30 years, I strongly support the role of the FCC in protecting the rights of the media. That role becomes more and more important each year, as press freedom comes under growing pressure around the world.

Reporting on human rights is especially important and my duties on the Press Freedom Committee have included helping organise the annual Human Rights Press Awards, a prestigious contest rewarding excellence in this challenging field.

As a co-convenor of the Constitutional Committee, I have worked to ensure that the club's rules are respected and that we fulfil our legal obligations.

An exciting year lies ahead. The 20th anniversary of the handover is approaching and the FCC, by providing a platform for free and fearless discussion, will lead the debate.

I believe in a diverse membership and would like to see more young journalists joining the club.

If elected, I will strive to ensure the FCC continues to flourish – providing a second home for its members and a real asset for Hong Kong.