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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Associate Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2021-2022**



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Looking back over the past couple of years of my candidacy statements for FCC Associate Governor, some common themes emerge. Not just that this is one of the best clubs in Hong Kong, and arguably the best press club in the world; not just that the staff is extraordinary and tireless; not just that the Board is (self-congratulatorily) hard-working and dedicated. These things are true, and bear repeating.

But what is also worth stating again is that our central mission is, was, and always should be about supporting the media. So perhaps it's no surprise that again, the biggest challenge I see for the FCC in the year to come isn't viruses, or restrictions on gatherings, or renewal of leases, it's about the not-so-gradual erosion of support for a free and independent media in Hong Kong.

Having said that, it's obviously been a ridiculously difficult operational year for us as a Club, from a financial perspective as well as a social one. The fact that we seem to have weathered the storm as well as we have done is a tribute to the sound fiscal management shepherded by the Treasurer and Finance Committee, and the practical and sensible policies implemented by the GM and the staff.

But I am deeply concerned that there is more trouble ahead, and we need to be prepared to deal with the impact of an increasingly intolerant environment. If elected, I will do what I can to ensure that we continue to manage the challenges of the coming year with prudence and diligence, and in a manner that is consistent with our core principles.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

*Christopher Slaughter was twice elected President of the FCC. He joined the Club in 1991 as a Journalist Member, later became a Correspondent, and is now an Associate Member. He has been elected to the Board several times in each of those membership categories during his thirty years of FCC Membership. He has most recently been Co-Chairman of House: Building and Maintenance Committee.*