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Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for Second Vice President Board of Governors 2021-2022



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The past two years has seen the FCC face probably the toughest operating environment in its history. I am proud to have been part of the Board that has ensured that our Club has remained a vibrant and relevant part of Hong Kong life. I hope I can count on your support to be your Second Vice President for a further year.

Despite all the restrictions we faced this past year, the FCC has continued to thrive and I am committed to helping us face the future with confidence. As Second Vice President and Treasurer, I have worked with the Board to ensure that we have maintained as near normal a service to members as is possible and to position the FCC to continue to be the world's best press club well into the future.

With restrictions on key revenue generators such as banqueting, it is hardly surprising that we have run at a deficit. We have, however, maintained full employment of our staff, met all our financial and maintenance obligations with respect to our premises - all without placing any additional burdens on our members. The Club has been helped by the reserves which have been built up over less turbulent times and which under the careful stewardship of the Finance Committee, remain at a healthy level. Ensuring we have a strong balance sheet is vital for our future and I would seek to continue to ensure this remains the case.

With the restrictions on our operations, new member joining fees have been an increasingly important part of our revenue. In addition to being part of the team who introduced the incentive scheme for members who introduced new joiners, I have enthusiastically recruited new members who will add to the diversity of the FCC and who appreciate our values and what we stand for. I also firmly believe that members should feel that their representatives on the Board are accessible. I average over two dozen visits to the FCC every month and have always tried to be available to hear members concerns and ideas and to ensure these are properly addressed.

The past year has also been an opportunity. The introduction of our zoom events has taken the FCC to a broader audience and brought speakers from around the globe to our members. It will never be a substitute for our famed live events, but together with the broad range of promotions and activities that have taken place, the Board, management and staff have kept the FCC as a focal point of Hong Kong life. I am confident that together we can ensure this remains the case for many years to come.

Bio: Tim Huxley has been an FCC member for over two decades and is the founder and Chairman of shipowner Mandarin Shipping Ltd. In addition he is a Director of several leading shipping companies in Asia and Europe and is also a Director of the OneSky Foundation, an NGO committed to assisting disadvantaged children in China, Mongolia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. He is also a regular commentator on shipping issues in the media and is the presenter of RTHK Radio 3's coverage of the Macau Grand Prix.