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**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for President  
Board of Governors 2022-2023**



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I am running for a second term as president because we still have a lot of unfinished business, and I think I can still contribute.

This has been an enormously challenging time for the Club. The pandemic restrictions in Hong Kong — particularly the early closing hours, the ban on formal events, and the limit on capacity and seating — have taken a big financial toll. Many members have left Hong Kong or are making plans to relocate. And the lack of a final decision over the renewal of the lease of our current premises has left a lingering cloud of uncertainty.

Over the past year, working with a dedicated and hardworking Board of Governors, I have tried my best to steer the Club through these tough times. Some decisions have not always been popular, like requiring early use of the LeaveHomeSafe app and moving the Club to the government's "Type D" category of operation requiring proof of vaccination. But I've tried to make all decisions collectively with the Board and in the best interests of the Club and all the members.

We are also engaged in regular discussions with the Hong Kong S.A.R. government. It's a delicate balancing act making sure that we remain a Club that steadfastly stands up for press freedom while at the same time recognising that the political landscape has been irrevocably altered since the imposition of the national security law in mid-2020. We are all still adjusting to this new normal.

I don't claim to get everything right. But rest assured that, working with the Board, I am doing my best and always keeping the interests of the Club and its members foremost in mind.

We've had many bright spots. Our online Zoom events have been a great success and we've managed to attract some big name speakers. Our takeout offerings have been a hit. We launched the new FCC Byline Beer. Our wall exhibitions have been spectacular. We've continued to bring in new members every month. And the April issue of The Correspondent, celebrating our 40 years at Lower Albert Road, has already become a keepsake.

I remain an eternal optimist, about Hong Kong and the Club. The easing of the pandemic restrictions, quarantines and flight suspensions are all positive steps that should help us quickly bounce back as we are able to restart banqueting and events. Our business model remains sound. And I hope very soon to have clarity on the question of the lease.

I ask for your continued support for one more turn at the helm.