



**Bio & Policy Statement from  
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor  
Board of Governors 2022-2023**



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I would be honoured to serve as a Correspondent Governor of the FCC. Having already had the chance to attend the Professional Committee as an invitee, I have some insight into how the board operates and would love the opportunity to broaden that knowledge.

The past few years have been challenging ones both for Hong Kong and the club; and unfortunately there is still no clear end in sight. The FCC staff and current board have done an incredible job navigating the uncertainty and maintaining the club's position as a hub for both social and professional activity. Its role in supporting press freedom both in the city and across the wider Asia region is also more crucial than ever. Continuing that important work is a responsibility I would take very seriously.

I would like to see more emphasis on recruiting younger members, and more activities geared towards helping them develop professionally – for example skills training, mentorships and networking events. Ensuring the club remains a welcoming place for members of all backgrounds is also a priority of mine.

As more and more people continue to work from home, I think we could build on some of the improvements made this year (eg the video conference booths) to make the club an even more attractive place for members to come and work, especially during slower daytime hours.

**Bio:**

I currently work as a news editor on AFP's Asia-Pacific desk in Hong Kong. Before this I worked at the BBC for seven years, where I edited one of BBC News' flagship TV programmes, Outside Source. I was also one of the founding producers of the BBC's award-winning diversity project, 50:50.

I started the Asia Matters podcast with The Guardian's Vincent Ni and The Wire China's Andrew Peaple, and act as its lead producer.

I read Chinese Studies at university, and have always maintained a deep interest in the wider Asia region, having spent time working in Singapore and Beijing.