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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
Board of Governors 2023-2024**



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Having now a year's experience on the board I am happy to be considered again for the role of Correspondent Member Governor. After returning to Hong Kong in 2020 after a 17 year break it's been a pleasure to be involved once again with the FCC. I am currently co-convenor on the Wall Committee and with a great team of people we have managed to put up an eclectic mix of exhibitions and find ourselves with a healthy backlog of exciting projects for this year again.

As a photographer for Agence France - Presse I feel the board will benefit from the perspective of a photographer, especially working on ground level with the massive and traumatic changes our city has experienced over the last few years.

We have an important role protecting press freedom and human rights whilst keeping relations with the government and police at a level which is beneficial and not harmful to the club.

It's an honor to be nominated as Correspondent Governor of the FCC Board of Governors 2023-2024 and I thank you all for this opportunity.

Bio:

I am the AFP chief photographer in the Hong Kong bureau. I first arrived in Hong Kong in 1993 and worked freelance and then for the newspapers. I joined AFP in 1996 and stayed in Hong Kong until 2004. I then spent 7 years in the Beijing AFP bureau and then 3 years in Shanghai. I covered the rise of the middle class in China and the 2008 Olympic Games, the Sichuan earthquake of the same year and the riots in Xinjiang in 2009. In 2014 I moved to the Sydney AFP bureau and after 6 years moved back to Hong Kong. I am British of Welsh and English stock, born in Bedford in the home counties, England.