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



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Changes are in the air. After receiving a new tenancy agreement for three years, the FCC will have a new President and a new General Manager soon. (*I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to both Keith Richburg and Didier Saugy whose invaluable service has guided our Club through some troubled waters in recent years!*) As an older member for 26 years offering my experience and a dose of institutional memory, I hope you will grant me the honor and privilege of serving on the Board again in the coming year.

In the current year, my fourth consecutive term on the Board, I serve as the Club Secretary as well as co-convenor of two committees: Building and Constitutional. The most pressing task for Building in the coming year will be to lead the effort to kick off the long process of renovating our historical building. I look forward to assisting my fellow co-convenor Chris Slaughter, the most knowledgeable Governor in this area, to ensure that our Club continues to uphold the reputation as a good tenant.

In Constitutional, I shall aim to enhance governance and keep our Club straight. We have worked on two changes in the Articles of Association approved by the Board – amending Article 5 to broaden the scope of Journalist and Diplomatic Members. Please kindly refer to the explanatory note on the proposed amendments. I encourage you to vote for them in the upcoming AGM.

I continue to help in Professional Committee. During the current term, I have organized ten speaker events including Liu Heung Shing, Zhang Weiwei, Jasper Tsang, Weijian Shan, George Yeo, and a panel of western business chambers responding to the Chief Executive's debut Policy Address.

As a previous winner in the Human Rights Press Awards, I took no pleasure in our difficult decision to suspend it last year. I continue to lend my support for the Awards by staying on as a judge this year.

My brief background: Before becoming an independent public affairs consultant offering bespoke research and due diligence service, I had spent more than two decades working in many local newsrooms including *Apple Daily*, *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, *Sing Tao Daily*, and the *South China Morning Post*, in various editorial and managerial capacities. Elected as chairman of the Hong Kong Journalists Association in 1998, I also served as a Journalist Governor on our Board for a few years after the handover and continue to serve as a judge of the SOPA Awards. I am the editor of a book titled *My First Trip to China*. Hong Kong is my home and I am here to stay. And I want to make sure that the FCC, the only club I belong to, is here to stay, too.