



# THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG

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## Special Promotion Correspondents & Journalists

(from 23 August 2010/revised 20 January 2015 & 26 January 2016/01 July 2016/1 June 2017)

<b>1st year:</b>	<b>HK\$250 per month</b>	+	<b>annual staff bonus HK\$250*</b>
<b>2nd year:</b>	<b>HK\$500 per month</b>	+	<b>annual staff bonus HK\$500*</b>
<b>3rd year:</b>	<b>HK\$750 per month</b>	+	<b>annual staff bonus HK\$750*</b>
<b>4th year:</b>	<b>HK\$1,300 per month</b>	+	<b>annual staff bonus HK\$1,300*</b>

\*Gratuity payable 50% in June & 50% in December each year

In recognition of the relative hardship faced by many journalists and correspondents in Hong Kong, the club allows a certain number of applicants to enjoy reduced monthly fees on a graduating scale during their first three years of membership. The programme is intended to help early-career journalists whose household income is at the low end of the range earned by professionals in Hong Kong.

Membership Committee will review applicants to this programme and allocate a limited number of places in its monthly meeting. If you wish to apply for the programme, please state reasons below. Applicants may send supporting material, but are not required to do so (please do not send salary slips or bank statements; Hong Kong Inland Revenue tax statements for household members will be considered as proof of income).

Applicants who are judged to qualify for FCC membership, but are not granted a place on the discounted fee programme will be given the choice to roll-over their application to the following month, when their potential inclusion in the programme will again be considered. Alternatively, they may join the club immediately on the basis of paying the standard monthly fees. Applicants who do not apply for the reduced fee programme will be reviewed on our normal monthly rotation.

### *Why YOU Should Join*

- The Club plays a central role in the journalistic life of Hong Kong; anyone who is serious about journalism should be a member.
- The Club attracts the best speakers in Hong Kong – prime ministers, chief executives, celebrities and more all come to the club when they want to reach a big audience.
- The Club plays a central role in defending freedom of speech in Hong Kong, most notably when it was the most prominent downtown venue in 2003 for critics of Article 23 before popular marches prompted the withdrawal of the measure.
- The Club is the sole authorized interlocutor in Hong Kong on journalism visa policy for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, and has negotiated a series of expansions in journalistic access to the mainland over the past decade.
- The Club's active membership includes senior politicians, top corporate executives, leading bankers, barristers and other valuable potential sources.
- Members include many of Hong Kong's influential journalists, and is a great place for career networking.
- Journalism requires more than sitting all day at a computer with a headset on. Being a good reporter or editor requires meeting people, getting to know them and understanding how they see the world. The Foreign Correspondents' Club is the best place in Hong Kong for such meetings, whether they are chance encounters at one of our restaurants and bars, formal interviews over coffee or speeches in our main dining room.

For more information please contact membership department, Carman Chung (Tel) 2521 1511 or [membership@fcchk.org](mailto:membership@fcchk.org).

### *Terms & Conditions*

- Applicants will be required to pay the applicable joining fee: HK\$3,850 for foreign correspondents and HK\$3,850 for locally employed journalists.
- Applicants granted membership under the terms of this special promotion will be entitled to all normal rights and privileges of Club membership.
- The Board reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the special promotion monthly joining and subscription fees at any time.