

Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for Associate Member Governor Board of Governors 2024-2025

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Having been an active FCC member since 2013, I am now running for the Board of Governors to contribute to a place that has given me so much. I hope to have your support.

The openness and friendliness of FCC members and staff and the wonderful atmosphere in the Main Bar and Dining Room have always drawn me to the Club and are the catalyst for my regular visits. It's easy to jump into various conversations ranging from photography to world affairs and everything in between, some of which are heated, some light-hearted, but always worthwhile. The close friendships made at the Club are an invaluable part of my life in Hong Kong, and the community spirit of the FCC, particularly during the grim years of COVID, helped us all pull through together.

I place great importance on continuing to introduce new people to the Club, not just because of the need for revenue but also to ensure the diversity of membership, which makes the FCC so unique. As a regular supporter of club events and music in Bert's, these are amongst the areas in which I aim to contribute. I previously served on the Charity Committee, helping to organise the music for the two hugely successful events held at the FCC.

If elected, I would actively participate in the F&B and House Committees to ensure that our offerings to members remain relevant and meet their needs. My regular presence in the Main Bar will ensure that members have an accessible and committed representative on the Board to represent their views. In addition, I hope to bring my experience in business to the Finance Committee to ensure the long-term financial health of the FCC. As a regular snooker and pool player and currently rediscovering chess, I am wholly behind the initiatives to form various societies within the Club to develop members' interests and interactions further.

Bio: I am a multicultural and multilingual woman with a broad range of interests. I am a global citizen, having lived on four continents and I speak six languages including Mandarin, French, Italian and Swedish. I am the Founder and CEO of a Hong Kong-based start-up/scale-up company, PAKT, a circular wardrobe service that expanded to Singapore last year (www.getpakt.com). I recently passed my 5th Dan Black Belt, am publishing a book on karate applications, and am a devotee of all forms of music and the arts, ranging from ballet to dancing the night away in Bert's.

In the run-up to polling day, I hope to see you around the bar and am very keen to hear from you about what you would like your representatives on the Board to achieve in the year ahead.