

Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for Second Vice President Board of Governors 2024-2025

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The past year has certainly seen progress in the FCC's recovery from the disruptions of the past few years, and hopefully we can continue to build on this. Having been part of the Board through the past few difficult years, I am seeking your support to continue to strengthen and develop our club to ensure this much loved institution has a strong and stable future ahead.

As Treasurer, presiding over the same difficulties which the entire Hong Kong F&B sector has experienced over the past few years has been a huge challenge. With revenues now hopefully back to a more consistent level, I would aim to focus on replenishing our reserves so that we can not only carry out the continued essential work needed to maintain the FCC but also ensure that we can weather any future storms. It is always painful, albeit inevitable, when increases have to be passed on to members, but I would hope that these can be kept to a minimum through enhancing our existing revenue streams and embracing efficiencies.

First and foremost is the continuing need to recruit new members. Monthly subscriptions are critical to our financial stability and I would look to continue my personal efforts to recruit suitable new members whilst being open to look at further incentives to bring our membership back to pre-COVID levels.

I have had the pleasure to be involved in the organization and hosting of several of our Club events over the past year covering such diverse topics as ballet in Hong Kong, shipping, Formula One and dinner with a best selling author. FCC events are one of the things that differentiates us from other clubs and are a great opportunity to show why we are unique to both existing members and their guests who are potential members. I will continue to raid my rolodex to attract speakers who would be of interest both to members and their guests.

More than anything, I want to ensure that the FCC continues to focus on the needs of its members and remains the best private members club in Hong Kong. As a Governor, I would be there to represent your interests and as a very regular user of the Club, I not only have hands on experience of what we do well and not so well, but am always available to speak to members about their concerns and ideas for improvement.

I hope that having some continuity on the Board will help continue our development. I look forward to serving your interests for another year.

Bio: Tim Huxley has been an FCC member for over twenty five years. He is the founder and Chairman of Hong Kong based shipowner Mandarin Shipping and also a Director of a number of prominent shipping related companies in Asia and Europe. In addition, he is the Chairman of Hong Kong based publisher Studio 8 Editions and is a regular commentator on shipping issues in the media as well as being the presenter of RTHK Radio 3's coverage of the Macau Grand Prix.