

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

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I am honoured to be nominated as a Correspondent Governor for a second time. My first year on the Board has been educational and rewarding, and I believe that the decisions I have been a part of have stood the Club in good stead during sometimes confusing times.

I am a long-time FCC member, having joined the Club as "young journalist" member around 2007 in the early days of my time at SCMP. Since then, I have come to understand how crucial a hub the FCC is for those working in journalism, both as a place to connect professionally, but equally important, a setting to unwind in the company of those who understand the precise trials and tribulations of the job.

I believe the Board's work in ensuring the FCC is able to operate smoothly and securely is one of its greatest responsibilities, and I hope, if elected, to be able to continue to support that work.

I also believe that the support the Club offers to young journalists is priceless, and I have been excited to support initiatives that bring in and train the next generation of journalists and, equally vitally, club members. Being in a position to advocate for and shore up training, education and support is hugely important to me, and I'm proud that it is such a central component of the FCC.

The arrival of our new GM David Brightling has lit a new fire under the recruitment drive for new members - a club can only be successful when people want to join, and I would want to play an active role in encouraging new members from all professions to join this fantastic organisation of ours, with its fascinating history and pivotal role in the city.

Journalism in its many forms matters. In these confusing times, I am proud to belong to a club that is continuing to champion the vital role played by journalists in holding the powerful to account, and discovering and sharing stories. In standing for the board again, I hope to collaborate on attracting more young journalists and supporting them on their career journeys so they feel supported in their crucial work. I would also want to continue to play a part in the stewardship of the club, contributing to its ongoing success and import, and guaranteeing this support network and bank of resources is available to these young journalists for as long as possible.

Bio: I spent my teenage years in Hong Kong, so my first journalism job at SCMP's Sunday Young Post felt like coming full circle. That job was also where I came to understand the pricelessness of mentoring in journalism, working with young staff reporters, fresh university graduates and teenaged aspiring reporters for nearly 15 years. My current role is Regional Managing Editor at Tatler Asia, where I am working with teams across Asia to move away from the publication's historic reputation for covering high society towards stories that matter in and about Asia and people of Asian heritage.