



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



Karen KOH

Affiliation: Freelance broadcast journalist

Hi fellow members, my name is Karen Koh, and I'm a freelance broadcast journalist. I've been an FCC member since 1995, and joined the board last year. I would be honoured to serve on the board again in 2024-25.

As a board Governor, I served as a co-convenor on the Press Freedom, Finance and Professional Committees.

During the past year I'm proud to have kept pushing for the club to support press freedom and human rights, actively monitoring the various legal cases related to press freedom in Hong Kong and events overseas. I've helped enable some great events for our members as an organiser, moderator and speaker, on topics ranging from how AI will affect the future of work, to corporate board diversity in HK and the importance of climate optimism.

And helping with the dollars and cents decision making to keep us financially viable in the long term has been very rewarding.

The past few years have been very challenging for the club in many ways, but I'm an eternal optimist and believe we can thrive and keep improving the club experience for our members. I think the FCC is really Hong Kong's most interesting club, and want to help keep it that way.

In my own work I strive to ask challenging questions and tell true stories of Hong Kong.

I'm a general news junkie, and am particularly interested in gender and sexuality issues which affect us all, and giving a voice to minorities and the lesser known members of HK society.

I believe in nurturing and helping young journalists as they navigate their careers, and have guest lectured to journalism students at Baptist University, HKU's JMSC and Tsinghua university. I'd love to have more local journalists join the club.

Bio: I'm originally from Australia, and have worked in TV and radio current affairs and news since 1989. I started my career as a current affairs producer and reporter at SBC in Singapore. I moved to London in 1991 and was part of the startup presenter team at BBC World from 1991-93, before coming back to Asia with Asia Business News/CNBC Asia in Singapore and Hong Kong from 1993 - 2001 as anchor and HK bureau chief.

Since 2001 I've freelanced as a presenter, reporter and editor for CNNI, STAR TV, Thomson Reuters, and WSJ Digital. I've also run TV training courses for text journalists from Reuters and WSJ.

I joined RTHK Radio 3 in 2014 as a freelance presenter/producer, and have an award-winning show on gender, sexuality and social issues called "The Agender Café". I've also regularly hosted Radio 3's "Backchat" and "Brunch".

I also produce and host live radio programmes and podcasts for corporate clients, and have been a speaker coach for TEDxTinHauWomen since 2018.