



**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Correspondent Member Governor
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POLICY STATEMENT

Dear members,

My name is Connor Mycroft. I am a reporter with the South China Morning Post, where I cover Hong Kong news. I joined the FCC earlier this year.

While only recently becoming a member, I have been visiting the FCC since I first moved to Hong Kong as a graduate student in 2021. In that time I have taken part in many of the club's offerings, including its speed mentoring for early-career journalists, hostile environment training, speaker events, and have had my pictures displayed. As an early-career journalist myself, I have experienced first-hand the benefits that the FCC has to offer for those at the start of their careers.

By joining the board, I hope to use my position to expand these benefits further to other young journalists.

Amid the shifting sands of Hong Kong, many of my peers have expressed doubts about the industry and their future within it. I believe the club can offer them the guidance they need.

The FCC's various workshops are its best tools for this. They have proven invaluable to me and my colleagues, classmates and more in providing the skills and knowledge necessary to help jumpstart a career in the industry. Continuing to develop these offerings and honing them to the needs of young reporters will undoubtedly prove mutually beneficial.

Furthermore, the club has made great strides in lowering the financial burden for young journalists in recent years. I have benefitted from it myself. Unfortunately, many still consider the costs prohibitive. I will look for ways to further reduce the barriers to entry through means which do not diminish the club's prestige.

The FCC stands at the crossroads of a rapidly changing Hong Kong – a city that is both rebuilding and redefining itself. Since its initial conception in Chongqing 81 years ago, this institution has sought to uphold press freedom and the highest standards of journalism. I believe this calling, and what this institution has to offer, is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.

BIO

I am a reporter covering Hong Kong news with the South China Morning Post. I moved to the city in 2021 to study my Masters of Journalism at the University of Hong Kong, where I graduated with distinctions. Following graduation, I was accepted into the Post's prestigious Graduate Trainee Programme, before shifting to my current role in July 2023. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, I worked as an English teacher in mainland China, first in Wuhan and then Shenzhen.