THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (CORRESPONDENT & JOURNALIST)

I have read the attached information sheet for prospective new members and wish to apply to join the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong as a:

☐ Correspondent Member ☐ Journalist Member

2 photos of principal card holder	2 photos of spouse card holder

Family Name	Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Given Name (s)			
Date of Birth	*dd mm yyyy*	Nationality		Sex	
HKID		Passport No			
Employer					
Occupation					
Or are you?	☐ Freelance ☐ Retired ☐ Self-Employed				

Hong Kong Office	**Hong Kong Home**
Address Mobile Business Tel Email	Address Home Tel Email
Send Statement To *(please ✓ one)* ☐ Residential Email (*electronic statement*) ☐ Office Email (*electronic statement*) ☐ Residential address (*paper statement*) ☐ Office address (*paper statement*)	**Flyer Sent To *(please ✓ one)*** ☐ Residential Email ☐ Office Email ☐ None

Media Focus *for Correspondents & Journalists*

☐ Newspaper ☐ Television ☐ Radio ☐ Magazine ☐ E-Publication ☐ Wire Service

Other please specify...

Industry Focus *for everyone (please ✓ all that apply)*

☐ Accountancy	☐ Banking	☐ Civil Service	☐ Corporate Communications	☐ Education
☐ Engineering	☐ Investment Management	☐ Law	☐ Management Consultancy	☐ Medical
☐ Property	☐ Recruitment	☐ Research	☐ Retail	☐ Shipping
☐ Travel	☐ Trading & I/E			

Other please specify...

In the event of being elected, I hereby agree to be bound by the Articles of Association, By-Laws and Rules of the Club, pay dues, gratuity (payable at June and December of each year) and club facility charges promptly by direct debit, and hereby authorise you to place my name on the Register of Members.

I agree to the terms above

Signature Date

Please state the reason you wish to become a Member and what you feel you can contribute to the Club

Introducer		
Name	Membership Number	

Please state why you are proposing this person as a Member. How well/how long have you known the applicant? What do you feel this individual could contribute to the Club?

Signature Date

Seconders *(please note **only Correspondent Members** can second an application. If you do not know two Correspondent Members, the front desk can assist in obtaining the required signatures.)*

Name	Membership Number	
Signature	Date	
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Additional Information

Honours & awards/Books or other works authored/Membership of other Clubs or organisations

How did you find out about the FCC?

☐ FCC Website ☐ FCC Brochure ☐ Club Event
☐ FCC Members ☐ FCC Marketing Campaign
☐ Other please specify...

I wish my spouse to have signing rights on my account ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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Employer		
Occupation		

Or are you? ☐ Freelance ☐ Retired ☐ Self-Employed

Hong Kong Office	Wedding Anniversary *optional* *dd mm yyyy*
Address Mobile Business Tel Office Email Residential Email	**Spouse's Signature**

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Other please specify...

For Diplomatic & Corporate Memberships Only

Name of Organisation

Name of Responsible Person

Title of Responsible Person

Statement of Acceptance of Responsibility

On behalf of (Organisation or Company) I hereby undertake to settle promptly upon demand (in the event of default) all and any outstanding debts to the FCC which have become due on the account of (name of applicant), to whom this application form applies.

Dated Signature with company/organisation stamp (chop)

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Special Promotion
Correspondents & Journalists

1st year:	**HK$250 per month**	+	**annual staff bonus HK$250***
2nd year:	**HK$500 per month**	+	**annual staff bonus HK$500***
3rd year:	**HK$750 per month**	+	**annual staff bonus HK$750***
4th year:	**HK$1,430 per month** (Without Spouse) + annual staff bonus HK$1,430*		
	HK$1,500 per month (With Spouse) + annual staff bonus HK$1,500*		

**Gratuity payable 50% in June & 50% in December each year*

In recognition of the relative hardship faced by many journalists and correspondents in Hong Kong, the club allows a certain number of applicants to enjoy reduced monthly fees on a graduating scale during their first three years of membership. The programme is intended to help early-career journalists whose household income is at the low end of the range earned by professionals in Hong Kong.

Membership Committee will review applicants to this programme and allocate a limited number of places in its monthly meeting. If you wish to apply for the programme, please state reasons below. Applicants may send supporting material, but are not required to do so (please do not send salary slips or bank statements; Hong Kong Inland Revenue tax statements for household members will be considered as proof of income).

Applicants who are judged to qualify for FCC membership, but are not granted a place on the discounted fee programme will be given the choice to roll-over their application to the following month, when their potential inclusion in the programme will again be considered. Alternatively, they may join the club immediately on the basis of paying the standard monthly fees. Applicants who do not apply for the reduced fee programme will be reviewed on our normal monthly rotation.

Why YOU Should Join

The Club plays a central role in the journalistic life of Hong Kong; anyone who is serious about journalism should be a member.

The Club attracts the best speakers in Hong Kong – prime ministers, chief executives, celebrities and more all come to the club when they want to reach a big audience.

The Club plays a central role in defending freedom of speech in Hong Kong and the broader region, monitoring press freedom issues and engaging in public discussion on issues affecting journalists such as Hong Kong's Article 23 legislation.

The Club's active membership includes senior politicians, top corporate executives, leading bankers, barristers and other valuable potential sources.

Members include many of Hong Kong's influential journalists, and is a great place for career networking.

Journalism requires more than sitting all day at a computer with a headset on. Being a good reporter or editor requires meeting people, getting to know them and understanding how they see the world. The Foreign Correspondents' Club is the best place in Hong Kong for such meetings, whether they are chance encounters at one of our restaurants and bars, formal interviews over coffee or speeches in our main dining room.

For more information please contact contact membership department, Carman Chung (Tel) 2521 1511 or membership@fcchk.org.

Terms & Conditions

Applicants will be required to pay the applicable joining fee: HK$3,850 for foreign correspondents and HK$3,850 for locally employed journalists.

Applicants granted membership under the terms of this special promotion will be entitled to all normal rights and privileges of Club membership.

The Board reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the special promotion monthly joining and subscription fees at any time.

For Correspondent & Journalist Memberships Only

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Please indicate here if you are applying to join this scheme ☐

And please provide your reasons here

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

before forwarding your application form to the FCC please check that you have completed & included the following items

(for office use only)

1. The completed application form (*please print in BLOCK letters)* ☐

   i. please remember to sign the form ☐
   yourself and / or spouse and / or Authorised Signature with Company Stamp for Corporate or Diplomatic Membership

   ii. please ensure your FCC Introducer has signed the form & completed the section on the second page below their signature ☐

   III. please secure TWO Correspondent Members as Seconders and ensure that they have also signed the ☐

2. Please provide the following documents

   i. TWO passport-sized photographs of yourself *(and your spouse where applicable)* ☐

   ii. a copy of your Hong Kong ID Card or Passport *(and your spouse where applicable)* ☐

   iii. for application of Correspondent / Journalist memberships only ☐
   please provide supporting documents such as business cards, company reference letter supporting your application, and copy of articles or work produced within the last three months

   iv. residential proof *(and for your spouse where applicable)* ☐

Please deliver all of the above to the FCC Reception Counter or send by mail

The Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong is committed to implementation and compliance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Data provided by you will be used to process your membership application and, as an elected member, for administrative purposes. Personal data will never be revealed to a third party without your consent.

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For applications submitted after October 1, 2026, the New Joining Fees will be:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	JOINING FEE	MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT SPOUSE	MEMBERSHIP WITH SPOUSE
Correspondent	$ 3,850	***Monthly Subscription*** **$1,430** ***per month***	***Monthly Subscription*** **$1,500** ***per month***
Journalist	$ 3,850		
Associate	$ 55,000		
**Payable in 4 installments over 12 months, please enquire for details.*			
Corporate: 1st Nominee	$ 250,000	***$715*** ***Staff Gratuity (June and December)***	***$750*** ***Staff Gratuity (June and December)***
2nd Nominee	$ 200,000		
3rd Nominee	$ 150,000		
4th Nominee and above *(application accepted at the Board's discretion)*	$ 150,000	***$900*** ***Minimum Spending per quarter***	***$1,101*** ***Minimum Spending per quarter***
Transfer to new nominee	$ 5,000		
Diplomatic: All Nominee(s)	$ 8,000		
Transfer to new nominee	$ 5,000		

Membership WITHOUT Spouse

- The monthly subscription of $1,430 per month
- The twice-annual staff gratuity of $715 payable in June and December
- If you make a *one-time annual payment* of your monthly subscription in advance, the total payment is $18,190 *(including staff gratuity of $715 charged in June and December)* rather than $18,590, representing a $400 discount.
- The quarterly minimum spending required for all members is $900.
  (for the quarters ending in March, June, September and December)

Membership WITH Spouse

- The monthly subscription of $1,500 per month
- The twice-annual staff gratuity of $750 payable in June and December
- If you make a *one-time annual payment* of your monthly subscription in advance, the total payment is $19,100 *(including staff gratuity of $750 charged in June and December)* rather than $19,500, representing a $400 discount.
- The quarterly minimum spending required for all members is $1,100.
  (for the quarters ending in March, June, September and December).

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SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR CORRESPONDENTS & JOURNALISTS

During the promotion period, the monthly fee is $250 per month for the 1st year, $500 per month for the 2nd year, $750 per month for the 3rd year and standard fee for the 4th year. The programme is intended to help early-career journalists whose household income is at the low end of the range earned by professionals in Hong Kong.

**Staff gratuity equal to one month's subscription fee will be applied in June and December. **

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