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**Bio & Policy Statement from
A Nominee for Journalist Member Governor
Board of Governors 2016-2017**



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Affiliation: SCMP

Cliff Buddle is a senior editor at the South China Morning Post. He has been a journalist for more than 30 years. Cliff worked as a court reporter in London before coming to Hong Kong to join the SCMP in 1994. His roles have included news editor, deputy editor, and acting editor-in-chief.

Through his coverage of court cases, Cliff developed an interest in studying law. He passed the Common Professional Examination in 2000 and a Masters degree in human rights law in 2005. Cliff teaches media law at the University of Hong Kong part time and law more generally for HKUSPACE.

He has been a Journalist Member Governor on the board for the last year and is a co-convenor of the Constitutional Committee.

Cliff is married with two teenage sons and enjoys hiking, running, swimming and the occasional game of football.

STATEMENT

My first year on the board made me appreciate all the more what a great club we have and how important it is to uphold our fine traditions while adapting to meet the challenges of modern times.

A testing year lies ahead. Renovations are needed and steps must be taken to ensure our finances remain healthy. This must be achieved while preserving everything we love about our club.

As we all know, the FCC is much more than just a delightful place to meet friends for a meal and a glass of wine. The role of the club in championing press freedom is more important now than ever before. And by providing a platform for free, fearless and informed debate of key issues, the club not only offers a valuable service to its members, but also to the wider community.

As a co-convenor of the Constitutional Committee, I have been involved in seeing through the required changes to our Articles, working to enhance transparency and reviewing our disciplinary procedures.

I believe it is important to maintain a diverse membership and to recognise the important contribution made by local journalists both to the media industry and the club.

If elected, I will continue to strive to ensure the FCC grows and prospers, providing an even better home-from-home for its members and a valuable asset for Hong Kong.