

## **FCCJ Entertainment Committee Report**

### **Meeting: April 8, 2025**

Present:  
Co-chair:  
Simon Farrell

Suvendrini Kakuchi  
Suguru Minamide

Office:  
Hattori-san

Long-term Strategy Task Force Observer:  
Michiyo Nakamoto

Absent:  
Co-chair:  
Jake Adelstein

Mio Shimamura  
Dave McCombs

#### **Board to vote on these two please:**

- 1. Entertainment Committee voted unanimously to strongly urge the Board to award honorary membership to three very active and loyal members who have regularly brought popular cultural events and non-member diners to FCCJ for several years: Paul Snowden, Stuart Varnam-Atkin and Suguru Minamide.**
  - 2. We need a new piano and would like pre-approval of the ¥100k cost of moving a donated one to FCCJ plus ¥100k to dispose of the present one which is in very bad shape.**
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1. Report on Setonaikai Triennale event on April 3: Drini
  2. Report on Ninja Night on April 7: Suguru

3. Reports on SNLs International Women's Day on March 8 and St Patrick's Day on March 15: Simon
4. Discussed ideas for Long-term Strategy Task Force, whose head Michiyo Nakamoto will meet each committee to better understand how their activities contribute to the club, what challenges they face and what more can be done to make the club more attractive. Simon will attend the next meeting at 2pm, April 22.
5. Lets start also charging members for SNL asap—Drini and everyone agreed, it would make SNL break even instead of losing up to ¥40k each time. On the other hand, members have long-expected a benefit like this free admission in return for their monthly dues.
6. Performer proposed by member for SNL rejected by AMLC because he is not so famous and is linked to dodgy agency: Hiroyuki Sato from Hikari Genji is a member who built the foundation of Johnny's Entertainment in the '80s.
7. Next SNLs booked: April 12: Ska Face Tokyo with vintage soul, ska and two-tone hits; April 19: Marku; May 10: Good Lovin; May 31: Mamanaku with Richard Freeman; July 19: Steve Gardener.
8. SNLs for June approved: Yutaka Hokura, FCCJ member and trustee at Tokyo College of Music performs country classics, perfect for our member / SNL profile; Kevin Gray and the Gravy Train, a regular and by member request.
9. Comedy night in Main Bar, May 24, to be organised by Jake and Dave
10. Trivia Night hosted by Jake and Dave McCombs, date TBD, May / June / July
11. Next meeting: 4pm, May 8