

FCCJ F&B COMMITTEE 2024-2025

April 8, 2025 1:30– 3:00 pm (Meeting No. 7)

Attending: M. Romaine, S. Romaine, M. Nakamoto, W. Hunter, S. Fukunaga (online)

1. Changes in Main Bar Menu Item Prices Starting May 1

Changes to reflect overall commodity and energy price hikes:

- JPY1,000 or less → JPY100 increase
- JPY1,000+ → JPY150 increase
- JPY1,500+ → JPY200 increase
- “Press Club Lunch” → ANAC will try to keep max JPY1,500, inclusive of one cup (not two) of coffee/tea
- House wine → JPY300 increase
- Sof drinks → JPY50 increase

Pen & Quill Pen & Quill menu pricing remains unchanged

2. New GM and On-Site Oversight

Mr Sone is new ANAC F&B GM, new transfer Mr. Saito will be operations (front of house) manager.

Expectation is to have more smiles and hospitality from ANAC to make members “at home.”

3. Breakfast Service for Deep Dive

Under discussion. ANAC will give thought as to best recommendation as to what it can do. Note ANAC staff at FCCJ’s work hours: 10:15 am to 11 pm. e

4. Luncheons for PAC Events

Confirmed ANAC can do this should PAC wish to relaunch PAC luncheons.

5. Exhibition Opening Reception (cocktails/champagne) on Gallery Floor

ANAC assesses this is doable; will come back with best recommendations.

5. ANAC President+ FCCJ President Meeting with F&B Committee Co-Chairs

In process of setting best date; likely after Golden Week.

6. Food Quality, Claims and Menu Change Suggestions

- State of hamburger discussed – came back one full circle again, ie the issue is meat quality. Next step – what to do?
- Confirmed liquidy pasta sauce claim being addressed. General inconsistencies in serving (temperature, quality) raised as issue for addressing

- Cutting out of “unnecessaries” discussed – eg Japanese mustard relish that comes with hamburgers, Mexican sauce (on side-dish salad), spiced sauce on Press Club Salad
- Need to incorporate some health conscious items on menu; can ANAC introduce salad option for those ordering hamburgers/sandwiches but who don’t eat fries? Can Press Club Lunch include one option that does not feature batter or fried food? Can Press Club Lunch include a Japanese (or yoshoku) set?
- Need to address general audience -- not all eat lamb so options such as chicken and vegetable curry? Why Cajun and not just plain roast or grilled chicken?
- Suggestion made to include some Japanese soul food such as *soba*, *udon*, *donburi*
- Discussed need for ANAC to be more adventurous in offering food menu that they know they are good at making; no need to reflect past if this distorts quality and price
- Review of menu requested, incorporating suggestions above
- Requested that afternoon Tea Break and Happy Hour be “marketed”

5. ANAC Feedback on Signature Dishes

ANAC advises us these might be fish and chips, lamb curry and apple pie as they appear popular. *(Need to redefine the ask and ask what ANAC wants to put on the menu that it knows it can do best that we would enjoy on the FCCJ menu.)*

6. Updates on F&B Events

First Around the Table was a successful, thanks to great participation, a wonderful guest, and wonderful service and work from staff. Received comments that food quality is good but that the volume per plate might be too heavy. Can this become a joint FCCJ and ANAC collaboration event in the future?

Sudo Honke Sake tasting and education event will be delayed but will take place at a new date.

7. Next Meeting

May 2, 2025, 1:30 pm. Those who can will meet for lunch to continue with sampling.