

# GM Report to Board of Directors

May 12, 2025

## CLUB & FACILITY

- The March Board meeting requested that this statement from the Freedom of the Press awards guidelines be dropped: *"To avoid conflicts of interest, no member of the Committee or the Board may nominate his or her own organization or colleagues, but Committee members can vote for them if nominated by another member."*  
However, Cabinet Office instruction to the club last year was to include a provision in the Freedom of the Press guidelines similar to Article 6 of the "Regulations Concerning the DeRoy Memorial Scholarship," which is as follows.  
**Article 6:** *The scholarship committee is in charge of selection. The committee consists of members who belong to the Association and are selected by the Board of Directors as having the experience and insight appropriate for selection. If any of the applicants has a special interest in the selection committee, the relevant selection committee will be excluded from the nomination as an evaluator.*
- In addition to the request sent to one company earlier (and declined), further requests for an estimate were sent to five companies for a simple audit of the year-end results. So far two have declined, one has asked for more information, and two have not replied yet. It is also possible to ask our external accountant to perform a simple audit.
- The Mitsubishi maintenance contract, for maintenance which can only be handled by Mitsubishi, has been revised for the first time since 2021 due to increases in labor and materials. The additional cost is only 65,000 per month however.
- A fire door in the Sushi Bar failed inspection (would not close fully) and must be repaired by law and is part of the Mitsubishi maintenance contract. This is not a door that's used, it is only to seal off the kitchen in the event of a fire. Because it is a specialized safety item and operated by sensors which are connected into the fire control systems, parts and labor are relatively expensive. The cost is 420,000 yen.
- Ricoh declined to barter in exchange for a membership card printer and software, however they will reduce the cost from 2.3 million yen. Waiting on revised estimate.
- The History Channel proposal for potential monetization of club archive will be received next week.
- I expect an official request from ANAC to renegotiate the 92%/8% revenue split. This should be part of the overall planning following the Long Term Strategy Task Force report.

## STAFF

- The staff lunch at the [Zealander](#) restaurant in Shin Maru Building was attended by 19 in total. All greatly appreciated the gesture and most went on to enjoy a second-party. I would also encourage the Board, if interested, to try the restaurant as the cost was under budget, the food more than ordered, and the wine free-flowing and actually provided for free!
- Replacement Reception Haken staff will start on May 19 (significantly lowering the average age).
- A Member has thankfully arranged a car to drive Hanif home from the tribute event.

## **MAIN BAR**

- The F&B committee is working closely with ANAC on improvement to the Main Bar menu.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Will inform Chambers of Commerce of the ending of the reciprocal agreement, but that they are welcome to join under the Corporate category as open to companies and organizations. I plan to offer vouchers to offset the cost of the initiation fee.

## **MASUKOMI SUSHI BAR**

- April revenue of 2.4M yen lower than March, but better than last April's 2.1M yen.

## **RECEPTION**

- Hanif coffee cups now on sale, about 50 sold to date.

## **LIBRARY**

- Waiting on Kyodo News Digital possible reduction in cost from current 3.6 million yen for Library news wire service.

## **CLUB EVENTS**

May 14 Book Break

May 16 Deep Dive

May 16 Tokyo Sinfonia

May 21 Hanif Farewell

May 24 Comedy Night

May 26 Wine Tasting

May 28 Student Tour

May 30 Freedom of the Press Awards

June 4 Exhibition Reception

June 6 Student Tour

June 7 Shakespeare

June 10 Movie Screening

June 11 Book Break

June 25 FCCJ AGM

June 26 FPIJ GMM

July 7 Movie Screening

July 10 Exhibition Reception

July 18 Book Break