

GM Report to Board of Directors

June 9, 2025

CLUB & FACILITY

- One company has indicated interest in reviewing the club's finances for the AGM report. We have had one meeting with the principal and receive an estimate of 700,000 yen. I would note again that while the Kanji is required to audit the year-end accounts, an "external audit" is not required, either legally or by our Articles or Bylaws. There is a Bylaws requirement, however, for a professional review of the balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures.

STAFF

- The "Thank You Hanif" fund raised 2,666,894 yen, including 143,350 yen from the coffee mug sales. Hanif arrived home on Tuesday.
- Hattori-san has signed and returned AGM contract. I have already prepared a draft salary scale for employees and a performance review program and these will be handed over to Hattori-san to refine before review with the Human Resources Committee. The salary scale will be submitted to the Board for approval as required.

MEMBERSHIP

- Nikkei Asia has agreed to a barter exchange for promotion in their newsletter (English), which has 180,000 recipients. The offer is to include a promotion up to four times, with the timing at our discretion (daily, weekly, monthly etc.). The value according to Nikkei Asia is 300,000 yen per time. I am preparing our barter offer, eg, promo in No.1 Shimbun and/or club website, club notices, club emails etc.
- I am informing Chambers of Commerce the club is not renewing reciprocal agreements, but that they are welcome to join under the Corporate category and will provide vouchers to offset the cost of the initiation fee. Will also reach out to Chambers which have not had a barter membership.
- While all other Chambers had a barter Honorary membership, the Board (2003) approved a barter membership for the ACCJ Executive Director as a non dues-paying Associate member. If this is to be discontinued also, the Board should pass a resolution to end the membership.
- We emailed a small select group of senior members to inform them directly about the membership transfer option with favorable reactions and several applications received. Will cautiously increase awareness.

MAIN BAR

- Moved the piano under the stairs and added more tables and swapped out the cabinet at the entrance to create some privacy for the entrance table.

RECEPTION

- New Haken staff is fitting in well and a quick learner.
- Press Releases have long been distributed to Regular members via their mailboxes at Reception. Over

recent years the volume has reduced greatly as most companies provide their press releases via a weblink or pdf file. Management proposes to no longer accept paper press releases and instead provide a section on the club website for press release weblinks at no cost. In due course, management will propose an option for sending external press releases and event information to the membership for a fee with an opt-out option.

LIBRARY

- Meeting again with Kyodo News Digital on a reduction in cost from the current 3.6 million yen for their service in the library.

CLUB EVENTS

June 10 Movie Screening
June 11 Book Break
June 13 Election Speak-out
June 17 Press Conference
June 19 Press Conference
June 20 Whisky Tasting
June 23 Membership Marketing Dinner
June 24 Press Conference
June 25 FCCJ AGM
June 26 FPIJ GMM
June 26 Meet the Press
July 1 Press Conference
July 7 Movie Screening
July 8 Press Conference
July 10 Exhibition Reception
July 14 Board
July 18 Book Break
July 24 Press Conference