

Director
Candidate for the 2023 Election



Name: Randy Schmidt
Title: Cameraman-Editor-Producer
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It is my hope to be re-elected to FCCJ's Board of Directors after having served on the board for the past 18 months.

I have been a resident of Tokyo since 1996 and, in the capacity as cameraman, editor, and producer, have held staff/contractor positions at CNN Tokyo (1996-1998), Reuters (1999-2002), and CBS News (2006-present) and have freelanced for most every other foreign TV News organization in Japan (BBC, ABC, NBC, Bloomberg, APTN, ARD, & ZDF.). I recently won an Emmy Award for my work as a cameraman and editor for CBS News.

As a Board Member, I would like to preserve many of the traditions of the club while also increasing its membership. As the number of working foreign journalists in Japan has drastically declined over the past decades, it is clear that the club must also evolve to stay solvent and relevant. I support new memberships from qualified Japanese journalists as well as professional associate memberships from the non-journalistic corporate sector in order to sustain a thriving club devoted to professional development and journalism.

Freedom of the Press is more important than ever these days, as information is manipulated and distorted by various forms of propaganda around the world, affecting elections, health, and warfare. The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan needs to remain a respectable stronghold for truth with an impeccable reputation in order to help do our part to make the world a better place.

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