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Prof. Koh Tai Ann was Dean of NTU's School of Arts and was NTU's first woman Dean and its first woman full Professor, then Dean (Academic) at the National Institute of Education, and NTU's first Dean of Students, setting up the Dean of Students' Office, the Student Counselling Centre and the International Students' Centre and responsible for students' accommodation, development, and welfare.

In recognition of her laying of the "foundations and support structure for English at NTU" and her "development and enhancement of literary studies in Singapore", a Gold Medal in her name was established by the English Division of NTU, awarded annually to outstanding English Literature students.

With a Ph.D. from the former University of Singapore, she began her career at its Department of English, becoming Associate Professor and Deputy Head, Department of English Language and Literature at the National University of Singapore.

Active in civil society, she was an early member of the Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE), was on the Executive Committee and then, Advisory Committee of the former UNIFEM (Singapore) and has spoken and written extensively on gender equality and women's rights. When editor of *Commentary: Journal of the National University of Singapore Society*, she co-edited a double issue on "Women's Lives; Women's Choices." A founding Vice-President of the Fulbright Association (Singapore), she has also been active in public life, having served on the advisory or other committees or boards of directors of the Institute of Policy Studies, the Government Parliamentary Committee for Education, Singapore Feedback Unit, National Arts Council, The Substation (an Arts Centre), Singapore Art Museum, Media Development Authority, Singapore Broadcasting Authority, National Book Development Council, and was Chair of the national Speak Good English Movement.