The Faculty of Law’s Professor Koh Kheng Lian ’61 became the first female faculty member in the history of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and its predecessor institutions to be conferred the title of Emeritus professor. She is only the second in the Faculty to receive this honour, which is bestowed in recognition of the recipient’s distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the University.

Professor Koh’s leadership at the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) launched NUS onto the world stage as a leading centre for environmental law. The centre now features as the region’s premier establishment for research on and the teaching of international environmental law.

A member of the Faculty of Law since 1963, Professor Koh introduced environmental law to the Faculty in 1994, and also actively promoted the development of environmental law courses for both public and private sectors in Singapore. Additionally, she has made significant contributions to the field of criminal law and specific areas of law such as Straits in International Navigation and Credit and Security in Singapore.

Professor Koh’s aspiration is to continue working towards ensuring that APCEL, as a steward of the environment, will devote its utmost efforts to changing mindsets.

"I cannot emphasize enough the importance of environmental protection in light of global warming, zoonotic diseases, as well as loss of biodiversity and ecosystems which are beginning to impact on mankind" – Emeritus Professor Koh Kheng Lian ’61.

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