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Dr Koh Poh Koon was elected as a Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC on 11 September 2015. He is currently Senior Minister of State at the Ministry of Trade and Industry and assumed the role of Deputy Secretary-General at the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) on 23 April 2018.

As Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Dr Koh focuses on research and development and Entrepreneurship matters, and is the patron of the Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE). He is involved in the implementation of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (AME) domain strategy under the Research, Innovation and Enterprise 2020 (RIE2020) plan. In addition, under the ambit of the Future Economy Council, Dr Koh co-chairs two sub-committees overseeing the transformation of the manufacturing and the trade and connectivity clusters. He also looks at the promotion of a dynamic and effective energy market in Singapore, which includes the liberalisation of the electricity market. In the area of trade and investment, Dr Koh oversees the development of Singapore's bilateral economic relations with China, the European Union, the Middle East and Russia & Central Asia.

As Deputy Secretary-General of the NTUC, Dr Koh works with union leaders and the labour movement network to implement the Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs) and better prepare workers for jobs in key growth sectors.

Prior to joining politics, Dr Koh held academic appointments as Clinical Lecturer in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at the National University of Singapore, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and Adjunct Clinician Scientist with the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (IBN), a key institution under the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*Star). Dr Koh has also served as a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon in Singapore General Hospital and was the Director of the Colorectal Cancer Molecular Genetics Research Laboratory as well as the founding Director of the Colorectal Cancer Genomic Health Service.

Dr Koh started his own private practice in 2011 at Capstone Colorectal Surgery Centre in Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre. In 2012, he partnered Fortis Healthcare Singapore to set up the first dedicated colorectal diseases hospital in Southeast Asia, the Fortis Colorectal hospital.

Dr Koh is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Singapore Armed Forces, having served as the Commanding Officer of a Combat Service Support Battalion and subsequently as Deputy Brigade Commander. He graduated in 2009 from the Singapore Armed Forces Command and Staff College, where he emerged as the Top Graduate of the 10th National Service Command and Staff Course.

He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore in 1996 and obtained his Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) as well as the Academy of Medicine (Singapore) in 2005.

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