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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Quezon City University's sustainability journey in 2025 reflects a clear institutional direction: a local university advancing access, innovation, inclusion, and measurable social impact in service of Quezon City and the global Sustainable Development Goals.

At the center of QCU's sustainability story is its mandate to provide accessible and transformative higher education. In Academic Year 2024–2025, the University served 10,915 students in the first semester and 10,691 in the second. Demand for QCU education remained strong, with 16,699 applicants for QCUCAT 2025 and 2,305 passers qualifying for admission under the free tuition program. These figures underscore QCU's continuing role as a pathway of opportunity for students and families, particularly those who rely on public higher education as a means of upward mobility.

QCU strengthened its sustainability-driven curriculum, research agenda, urban agriculture initiatives, and local-to-global partnerships. Sustainability was not treated as a separate institutional concern, but as a unifying framework across teaching, research, extension, student development, governance, and community engagement.

The University's 2025 sustainability performance may be understood through four defining strengths.

First, **access and inclusion** remained QCU's most direct contribution to poverty reduction and social equity. Through free tuition, scholarship support, inclusive admissions, and sustained enrolment, QCU continued to make quality education reachable for thousands of learners.

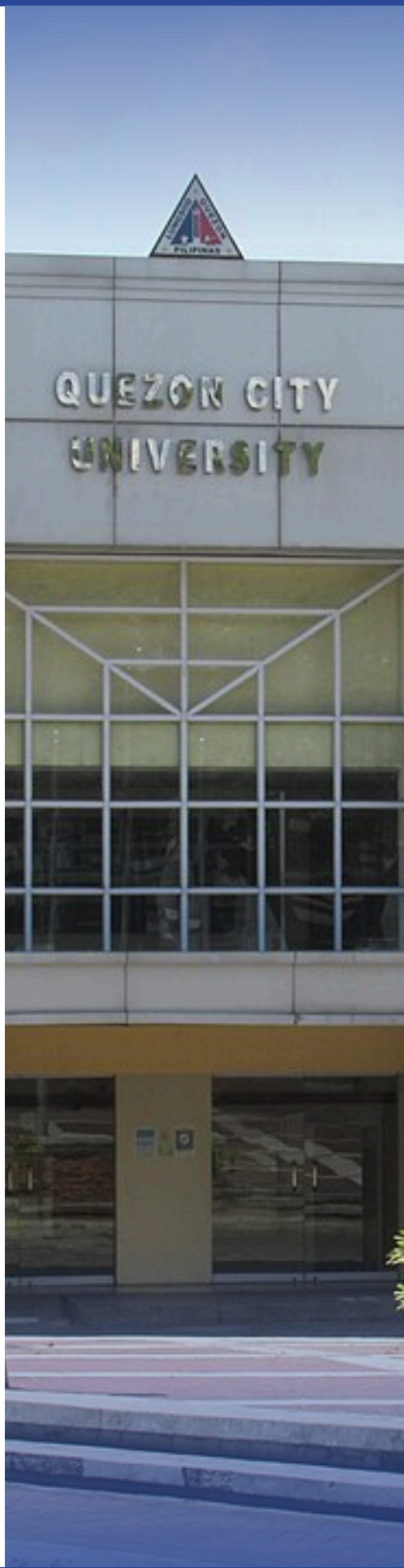
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership in a visible and practical way.

Third, **innovation and partnership** capacity continued to expand. Intellectual property training, patent-search workshops, student innovation showcases, out-of-school youth development programs, international memoranda of understanding, and participation in global sustainability forums demonstrated QCU's growing role as a knowledge partner and innovation platform.

Fourth, **external recognition** reinforced the credibility of QCU's sustainability work. In 2025, the University received the Water Warrior Award for Water Education, student organizations earned recognition at the QC Green Awards, and QCU was recognized in the Sustainability Category for Local Universities and Colleges at CHED ICONS 2025. These recognitions show that QCU's initiatives are gaining visibility beyond the campus and are increasingly valued by external stakeholders.

QCU's 2025 sustainability profile is strongest where public education, city development, innovation, and community partnership intersect. Its story is not only about institutional participation in the SDGs; it is about making sustainability concrete through students served, communities engaged, food systems strengthened, policies advanced, and partnerships formed.

As QCU moves forward, its sustainability agenda enters a new phase: from visibility to deeper measurement, from program documentation to stronger impact tracking, and from individual initiatives to an integrated sustainability culture. The 2025 Sustainability Report therefore captures a university that is already active, credible, and distinct in its sustainability work—one that continues to grow as a city-facing, socially responsive, and globally engaged local university.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At Quezon City University, sustainability is not separate from our mission. It is how we fulfill our responsibility as a local university in the service of Quezon City, its people, and the larger community.

Guided by our vision to be an internationally recognized local university committed to innovation and sustainability to achieve positive social impact, QCU continues to advance accessible, inclusive, and transformative education. In 2024 and 2025, this commitment was reflected in our support for economically disadvantaged learners, strengthened urban agriculture and food security initiatives, expanded research and innovation efforts, and growing local and international partnerships.

Our sustainability journey is rooted in people. It is seen in the opportunities we open for students, the communities we serve, the knowledge we create, and the partnerships we build for the public good. While we are encouraged by our growing presence in sustainability rankings and the recognitions received by our students, faculty, and programs, we believe our true measure of impact lies in the everyday relevance of our work.



This Sustainability Report presents QCU as a university steadily widening its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals. It tells the story of an institution growing not only in visibility but in purpose, responsibility, and social impact.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening our programs, improving our systems, and expanding our partnerships so that QCU may continue to serve as a university of access, innovation, sustainability, and meaningful service for Quezon City and beyond.

Dr. Theresita V. Atienza
University President
Quezon City University


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PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
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EDUCATION AS QCU'S PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY

Free Higher Education as Social Mobility

Quezon City University (QCU) advances Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1: No Poverty, particularly Target 1.2 on reducing poverty in all its forms, by providing tuition-free and accessible higher education to students across Quezon City.

11,809
Enrollment for the A.Y. 2025-2026

11,497
UniFAST Beneficiaries

6,597
QCYDO Scholarship Grant

Expanding access. Reducing poverty. Building futures.

In the **Academic Year 2025–2026, QCU enrolled 11,809 students**, reflecting its commitment to expanding educational access. Its free tuition policy reduces financial burdens on students and families while increasing opportunities for academic success, future employment, and higher-paying jobs.

QCU also supports student development through initiatives such as the **I-RISE 2025 Hybrid Conference, COE's PIONEER 2025, and Empowering Innovations and Partnerships,** which promote research, innovation, and skills development. By strengthening students' competencies and long-term economic prospects, these initiatives demonstrate how free higher education can drive social mobility, reduce poverty, and contribute to nation-building.



Expanding Access through QCUCAT 2025

Thousands of aspiring students participated in the **2025 Quezon City University College Admission Test (QCUCAT)**, reflecting continued demand for affordable and accessible higher education and highlighting the important role of public universities in providing educational opportunities, particularly for Quezon City residents.

The applicant profile reflects diversity and inclusion. A majority of passers came from **barangays within Quezon City, while 24% came from outside the city**, showing QCU's growing reach. The cohort also included a significant number of first-generation college students, and gender distribution among passers remained balanced.

QCUCAT 2025 AT A GLANCE

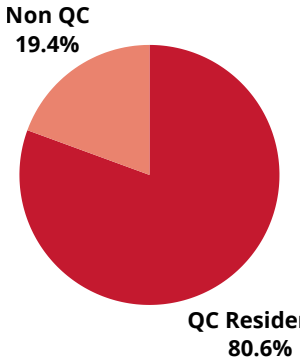
18,465 Registered Applicants

16,789 Examinees

2,326 Passers

10 Undergraduate Programs

APPLICANT PROFILE



3,177 First-generation College Students

8,912 Female

7,877 Male

These efforts support SDG 1: No Poverty (Target 1.2) by reducing financial barriers through free higher education. Enrollment figures reflect this sustained demand, with **10,915 and 10,691 students in the first and second semesters of AY 2024–2025**, respectively, led by Entrepreneurship, Information Technology, and Industrial Engineering.

Support for Economically Disadvantaged Learners

Removing barriers to higher education through scholarships, transportation assistance, digital access, and employment opportunities.







Supporting Learners

Quezon City University **sustains programs and services that remove barriers to higher education** for economically disadvantaged learners, including students from low-income households, ALS graduates, persons with disabilities (PWDs), solo parents, displaced families, and other marginalized sectors.

QCU's sustained support for economically disadvantaged learners **advances SDG 1: No Poverty, particularly Target 1.3**, by reducing financial barriers to education and expanding opportunities for vulnerable populations through scholarships, transportation assistance, digital-access support, and government aid linkages.

Digital Access

Usufruct Laptop and Pocket WiFi Project help students access digital resources and stay connected to academic requirements.

Transportation Support

The Quezon City Bus "Libreng Sakay" Program reduces daily transportation expenses and improves access to campus.

Scholarships

Students benefit from CHED-UniFAST and the QCYDO Scholarship Program as part of QCU's continuing support system.

Employment Linkages

Government assistance and employment-based programs provide financial support, work experience, and career-ready skills.


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ZERO HUNGER

URBAN AGRICULTURE AS A LIVING LABORATORY FOR FOOD SECURITY






Pistang Ani 2025 at QCU

Pistang Ani 2025 officially opened on June 28–30, 2025 at the QCU Triangle, bringing together **advocates of urban agriculture, agri-innovation, and sustainable food systems**. The three-day event was a collaborative initiative of the Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) and Quezon City University (QCU), featuring the ATI Urban Marketplace and Urban Agritech Expo with participation from community farms, urban agriculture organizations, and QCU's Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation (CUAI).

The ceremonial opening was led by QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza, together with DA-ATI officials Dir. Antonieta J. Arceo and Ms. Sherrie C. Dreje. In her message, Dr. Atienza highlighted the **importance of Occupational Health and Safety in urban agriculture**, emphasizing that while urban farming promotes sustainability and community empowerment, practitioners must also be protected from physical hazards, diseases, and other occupational risks. As she reminded participants,

> ***"Hindi lang ang tanim ang kailangang alagaan—pati ang katawan ng magsasaka."***
>
> *— University President Theresita V. Atienza*

Her message underscored the need for safe practices, proper protective equipment, and continuous awareness to ensure that urban agriculture remains both productive and safe for all.

2 ZERO HUNGER

QCU's Growing Impact on Sustainable Food Systems and Community Resilience

Quezon City University (QCU) strengthened its commitment to sustainable food systems through the introduction of the **School + Home Garden cum Biodiversity Enhancement Enterprise (SHGBEE) Model** during Balik Scientist lectures led by Dr. Manuel "Manny" R. Reyes, Adjunct Professor of Kansas State University, under the DOST–PCAARRD Balik Scientist Program. Held on December 1, 2025, the lecture engaged students, Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners, and barangay youth in nutrition education, gardening, composting, biodiversity conservation, and food-based micro-enterprises, promoting community participation and food self-sufficiency.



Further advancing its sustainability efforts, QCU-Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation (CUAI) was recognized by the Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) as a **Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA)**. This recognition reinforced the University's role as a center for urban farming, sustainable agriculture, and food security education, providing practical learning opportunities for students and community stakeholders.



The University's initiatives were further showcased on May 7, 2025, during **Ateneo de Manila University's "Digging for Purple Gold" UBE Festival**, where QCU presented agricultural produce, food innovation projects, student research, and entrepreneurship outputs. The event highlighted the connection between sustainable food systems, innovation, and enterprise development, demonstrating how education and research can contribute to community resilience and sustainability.




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GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



BUILDING A HEALTHIER AND MORE CARING QCU COMMUNITY

In partnership with the Quezon City Health Department, QCU supported employee well-being through free flu vaccination, reinforcing the importance of preventive health in the workplace.

Flu Vaccination for Employees

On January 7, 2025, Quezon City University (QCU), in collaboration with the Quezon City Local Government Unit (QC LGU) and the Quezon City Health Department, conducted a **free flu vaccination drive** at the Academic Building Ground Floor. The initiative aimed to promote the health and well-being of employees while helping prevent the spread of influenza during flu season.

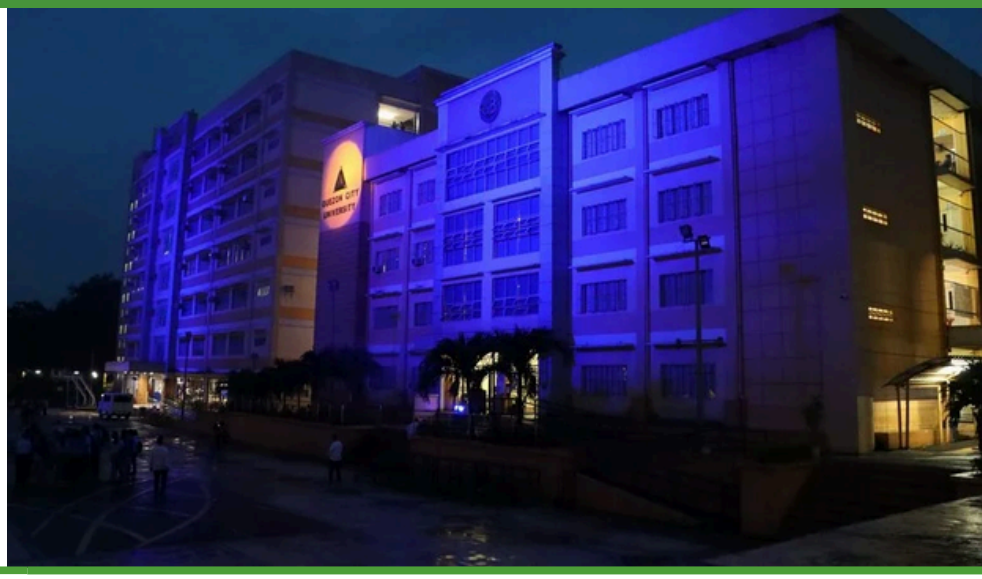
The vaccination program was facilitated by the QCU Health Services Office, with medical professionals from the Quezon City Health Department and QCU's Medical Services Unit administering the vaccines. Through this effort, **QCU continues to prioritize the safety and wellness of its workforce, reinforcing its commitment to fostering a healthy and productive learning and working environment**. The activity reflects the university's ongoing support for public health programs and its dedication to ensuring the well-being of the entire QCU community.







Promoting Health, Mental Wellness, and Community Well-Being at QCU



Quezon City University (QCU) advanced its commitment to **sustainable development through initiatives promoting health, safety, and well-being across its community**. By prioritizing physical wellness, mental health awareness, and community engagement, QCU reinforced its role in creating a supportive and resilient learning environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Key initiatives included the **Blue-Light Mental Health Campaign, mental health check-ins, and the Digital Well-Being Activity** conducted on March 10–21, 2025, fostering self-awareness, emotional resilience, and healthy technology habits. These programs promoted a culture of openness and shared responsibility, contributing to a more inclusive and compassionate campus environment.

On October 23, 2025, QCU's **Blood Letting Activity**, organized by the QCU Medical and Dental Services in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross and the NSTP, gathered students, faculty, and staff at the Administrative Building Lobby from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, demonstrating the University's commitment to volunteerism and social responsibility. The University further integrated occupational health and safety principles into its urban agriculture initiatives, promoting safe farming practices, proper equipment use, and hazard awareness.

Collectively, these initiatives reflect QCU's holistic approach to **sustainability, recognizing health, safety, and community well-being** as essential components of sustainable development, building a healthier, more resilient, and socially responsible community.









October 23, 2025

45 blood bags collected

Philippine Red Cross - Quezon City Chapter


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FUTURE-READY, INCLUSIVE, AND COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION



Beyond the Campus Gate: QCU's Year of Reaching Further

Quezon City University has long understood that education does not end at the campus gate. It lives in the communities it serves, in the programs it builds, and in the people it chooses to reach, including those who might otherwise be left behind. In 2025, QCU made that belief visible through initiatives that stretched the boundaries of what a university can do: hosting international research, bringing a classroom into a barangay, training local government workers on computers, and strengthening how faculty and students engage in service.

The University's commitment to **accessible higher education remained strong** throughout the year. Thousands of students continued to enroll across QCU's undergraduate programs, drawn by the promise of quality instruction under the city's free tuition program. Demand remained steady because QCU consistently worked to keep its academic offerings relevant to the lives and futures of Quezon City residents.

When learning reaches the community, it creates measurable change that lasts.

Early in the year, Barangay Sauyo launched **Karunungan on Wheels**, a mobile learning initiative that brings books, modules, and interactive materials directly to children facing barriers to education. QCU partnered through its Extension Management Office and College of Education, with students, faculty, and staff serving as volunteer teachers. For more than 20 days, children participated in learning activities under two tracks, **BINHI for ages 4 to 5 and PUNLA for ages 6 to 7.** The program culminated in a graduation ceremony on June 14. On July 11, a post-assessment at the 135 Covered Court in Barangay Sauyo showed measurable gains in literacy, cognition, and socio-emotional development using the same baseline tools from the start of the program.





As the year moved into its final quarter, QCU turned its attention to the barangay halls and local government offices that form the backbone of community administration. On October 24 and 28, the University conducted the first cohort of **Project CLiP** for barangay administrative personnel from San Bartolome, Bagbag, Gulod, Sta. Lucia, and Talipapa, held at the Computer Laboratory of QCU Main Campus. Through the two-day training, participants built practical skills in computer operations, data management, and digital security, equipping them for more efficient and technology-driven public service at the community level. For many of the participants, it was their first structured introduction to the digital tools their offices increasingly depend on, and QCU was the one that showed up to teach them.

The year closed on the research front, with QCU bringing the world to San Bartolome. On November 28, the University hosted the **International Research and Innovation for Sustainable Education (I-RISE) Hybrid Conference 2025** at the QCU San Bartolome Campus and online via Zoom, in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Consortium of Researchers and Educators (APCoRE). Anchored on the theme **"Reimagining Local Innovation and Global Futures through Sustainable Education Practices,"** the conference united researchers and educators from across the globe for a full day of scholarly exchange on education, digital learning, sustainability, and student-led innovation. I-RISE 2025 was a reminder that the conversations shaping the future of education are ones QCU intends to lead.

Taken together, these programs tell a story about a university that refuses to stay in one place. From international conference halls to barangay covered courts, from seminar rooms to computer laboratories, **QCU in 2025 was everywhere its community needed it to be**.



80+ Research presentations shared across physical and virtual rooms

17 Parallel research sessions

International Collaborators

• Thailand • Indonesia • Brazil

QCU's Street Learning Program Reaches 1,000 + Children in North Fairview



Street Learning Program Year 2



From **March** to **June 2025**, the Street Learning Program Year 2, a partnership between **Barangay North Fairview** and **Quezon City University (QCU)** through the Extension Management Office, reached **over 1,000 children** while providing QCU student-volunteers with service-learning opportunities as Street Learning Teachers. The initiative was supported by **Kagawad Mark Anthony Pader**, a QCU alumnus and completer of the QCU Executive Course for Barangay Leaders on Systems Delivery Support for the OSY, whose commitment to inclusive learning helped make the program possible.

> *Together, we made learning more accessible—right on the streets, where it matters most.*


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EMPOWERING WOMEN, ADVANCING SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SPACES

Promoting Gender Equality and Inclusive Learning Environments

Quezon City University strengthened its commitment to gender equality, inclusion, and human rights through partnerships with the Commission on Human Rights and PANTAY Inc., fostering safer and more respectful learning spaces across the academic community. Central to these efforts was the launch of the **Comprehensive Safe Spaces Training Modules and Safe Spaces Caravan** on October 17, 2025, introducing training modules and a campus caravan focused on gender rights, protection, and safe educational environments. Building on this, **Project GEIS** promoted equality, inclusion, and responsiveness to diverse identities, ensuring all members of the university community feel valued and protected, while the QCinema Campus Tour harnessed film screenings and guided discussions to encourage meaningful conversations on gender sensitivity and social inclusion. Collectively, these initiatives reflect QCU's commitment to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 5 by cultivating an academic environment that champions diversity, equity, respect, and human rights.

OUR INITIATIVES

1. **SAFE SPACE CARAVAN**
2. **PROJECT GEIS**
3. **QCINEMA CAMPUS TOUR**





Female
153 students
9 employees

Male
248 students
8 employees

TOTAL
418
blood donations

HOPE RENEWED: QCU Produces 2nd Batch of Female PDL Graduates From QC Jail







24	19	8	16
Batch 2 Graduates	Batch 1 Pioneers (2024)	Already Released	Remaining in Custody

Launched in October 2022 under Mayor Joy Belmonte's **"No Woman Left Behind"** program, the partnership among the Quezon City LGU, Quezon City University, and the QC Jail Female Dormitory continues transforming lives.

This year, 24 women PDLs completed the Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship during the 2025 Commencement Exercises themed **"Upholding Resiliency, Innovation, Sustainability, and Equity."**

> *"Tandaan, ang pagiging PDL ay hindi katapusan — ito ay simula ng panibagong pagkakataon at mas magandang bukas."*
>
> — *Mayor Joy Belmonte*

QCU President, Dr. Theresita V. Atienza conferred the degrees. Dr. Glenda A. Rebucas, Dean for College of Business, presented the graduates. The Pledge of Loyalty was led by Hon. Daryl R. Panganiban, President of the QCU Alumni Association.

Welcome remarks were delivered by City Jail Warden JCINSP Lourvina L. Abrazado, MM, honoring the graduates' strength and perseverance.

OCT 2022
Partnership launched under Mayor Belmonte's **"No Woman Left Behind"** program.

SEP 2024
First graduation: **19 pioneering women PDLs** earn BS Entrepreneurship degrees

2024 - 2025
Batch 1 graduates now work in BPOs, clinics, offices, retail, and livelihood ventures.

SEP 2025
Second graduation: **24 women PDLs** complete their degrees. 8 already released; 16 in custody with ongoing cases.

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION







6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

WATER EDUCATION, EFFICIENCY, AND RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Advancing Water Stewardship and Sustainable Resource Management

Quezon City University continued to promote responsible water management through community-based projects, institutional policies, and sustainability-focused education, strengthening awareness of water conservation and efficient resource use in support of environmental sustainability and community well-being.

A notable initiative was **Project Waterwise**, implemented by **Industrial Engineering NSTP-CWTS students** at Sharon Farm on April 26, 2025, where the installation of a water sprinkler system improved irrigation efficiency and supported sustainable farming practices, demonstrating how student engagement can drive practical environmental solutions.

Institutional Policies

- Water Reuse Policy
- Water Discharge Policy
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Sustainable Resource Management

Project Waterwise

- Sharon Farm
- April 26, 2025

Water Education

- Water Resources Management
- Sanitation and Environmental Health
- Public Health and Sustainability Courses

QCU reinforced its commitment to responsible water stewardship through the development of a **Water Reuse Policy, Water Discharge Policy, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and Sustainable Resource Management guidelines**, establishing a clear structure for efficient water management and institutional monitoring.

The university integrated **water resources management, sanitation and environmental health, and public health and sustainability** into its courses, enabling students to understand the connection between water stewardship, public health, and ecological sustainability.



Water Warrior Award for Water Education

In celebration of World Water Day 2025, Quezon City University (QCU) received the prestigious **Water Warrior Award for Water Education during the World Water Day Philippines Awards 2025** on March 22, 2025. The recognition, presented by Maynilad Water Services, Inc. in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), and other key organizations, honored institutions making significant contributions to water security and environmental sustainability.

Represented by University President, Dr. Theresita V. Atienza and Research Management Office Director, Mr. Angelito P. Bautista Jr., QCU was recognized for integrating water sustainability into its academic programs and student initiatives. As the **first Local University to receive this distinction**, QCU continues to demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship and to educating future leaders who will champion responsible water management and conservation.



First Local University to Receive the Water Warrior Award for Water Education

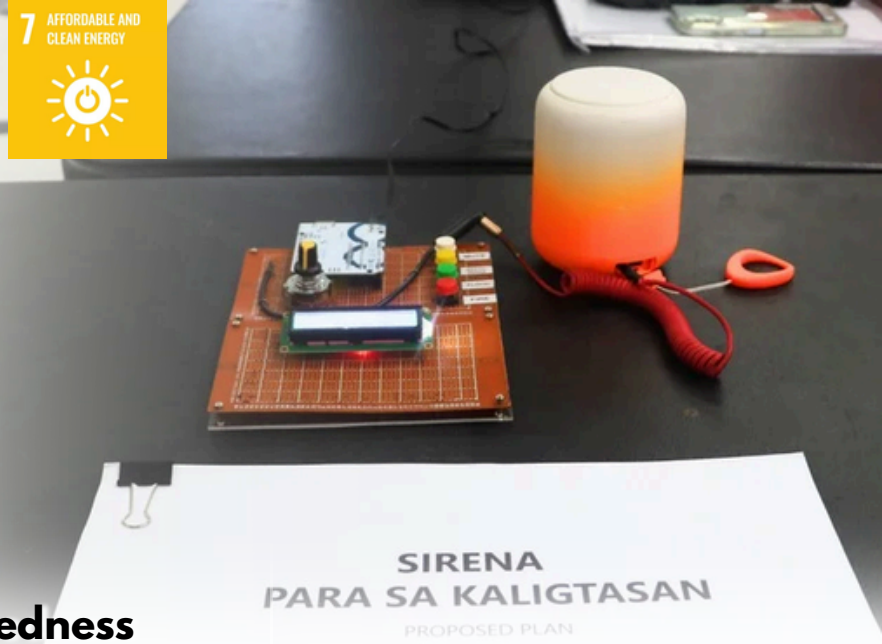
A milestone that reflects our commitment to water education and a sustainable future.



AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

CLEAN ENERGY FOR SAFER AND MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



Solar-Powered Siren for Barangay Disaster Preparedness

QCU's College of Engineering collaborated with Barangay Novaliches Proper on a solar-powered siren prototype designed to strengthen emergency response through sustainable technology.

In August 2025, Quezon City University (QCU) and Barangay Novaliches Proper held an initial coordination meeting for the **Solar-Powered Siren Project**, an initiative designed to enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response using sustainable technology. During the meeting, the QCU team presented the project's prototype, technical plans, implementation roadmap, and budget requirements, showcasing innovative engineering solutions tailored to community needs.

The project reflects QCU's commitment to community extension and service learning by **connecting academic expertise with local development efforts**. Through the active involvement of faculty, students, and barangay officials, the Solar-Powered Siren Project highlights the university's role in promoting community resilience and empowering future engineers to create meaningful, real-world impact.





Harnessing Renewable Energy for Community Resilience



Quezon City University demonstrated that engineering education is most impactful when applied beyond the classroom, working with communities to create practical solutions for sustainability and public safety.

On September 3, 2025, the College of Engineering partnered with Barangay Novaliches Proper to **advance the solar-powered early warning siren system**. Led by Dr. Ryan F. Arago with faculty members and barangay officials including Hon. Asuncion M. Visaya, Hon. Enrique Anonuevo, and Hon. Cecille Ramos, the initiative continued to strengthen disaster preparedness through sustainable technology. The follow-up meeting presented updated project plans, a prototype, technical schematics, an implementation roadmap, and budget requirements.

On November 22, the IECEP QCU Student Chapter (BS Electronics Engineering) joined the **2025 National Bike Day Active Mobility Forum** at the QC MICE Center, hosted by the Quezon City Government and the Department of Transportation. With the theme "**Iisang Daan, Iisang Kinabukasan: Nagkakaisang Padyak Para sa Ligtas at Likas-Kayang Pamayanan**," they showcased the PEDAL POWER prototype, a green engineering project promoting active mobility and environmental sustainability, following its recognition for Excellence in Climate Action at the 2025 QC Green Awards.

Together, these initiatives reflect QCU's commitment to engineering excellence in service of society, empowering students and faculty alike to develop technology-driven solutions that strengthen community resilience and advance sustainable development.

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS. REAL IMPACT.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

STUDENT INNOVATION


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Project BYOB: Be Your Own Boss

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Quezon City University successfully conducted **Project Be Your Own Boss (BYOB): QC Youth Entrepreneurship Program** on October 20–23, 2025, culminating in the Business Plan Presentation and Awarding Ceremony on October 27, 2025, at Ardenhills Suite, Quezon City. Now in its 3rd year and 4th batch, Project BYOB **continues to empower Out-of-School Youth (OSY)** by equipping them with essential knowledge, practical skills, and entrepreneurial confidence to start and sustain their own business ventures, with a total of 40 youth participants from Quezon City completing the intensive four-day training program.

Conducted in partnership with the Quezon City Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office (SBCDPO), the initiative forms part of QCU's University-wide Extension Program under the QCU SMILE Extension Program, jointly implemented through the REPL Extension Management Office together with the BS Accountancy, BS Entrepreneurship, and BS Information Technology programs. Project implementation was led by Ms. Rozi Mae A. Broqueza (Project Team Leader) and Mr. Alfred Cesar Quinsay (Assistant Project Team Leader), with training sessions facilitated by QCU faculty, administrative personnel, JPIA-QCU volunteers, selected student-enterprise general managers, and QCU alumni, namely Ms. Rozi Mae A. Broqueza, Mr. Lenard Bien, Mr. Roy Jones Laurente, Mr. Benjamin Molinar, Ms. Jennifer Cervania, Mr. Francisco Pagtalunan Jr., Mr. Alfred Cesar Quinsay, and Mr. Reginald Espiritu.

Through Project BYOB, QCU continues to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of the youth, helping transform their ideas into opportunities and their aspirations into sustainable livelihood pathways, strengthening their role as active contributors to local economic development.





Strengthening Workforce Readiness, Entrepreneurship, and Professional Development

Quezon City University continued to support inclusive economic growth by equipping students and graduates with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed to succeed in the workforce and entrepreneurial sector. Through industry partnerships, skills development programs, and career-focused initiatives, the university strengthened its role in preparing future professionals and innovators who can contribute meaningfully to local and national development.

A significant milestone came in late August, when QCU broadened students' exposure to industry and global standards through participation in **WorldSkills ASEAN Manila 2025** from August 21–30, 2025, where students and faculty engaged in activities focused on technical excellence, robotics, and industry-relevant competencies.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



GLOBAL EXPOSURE



CAREER READINESS



TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE



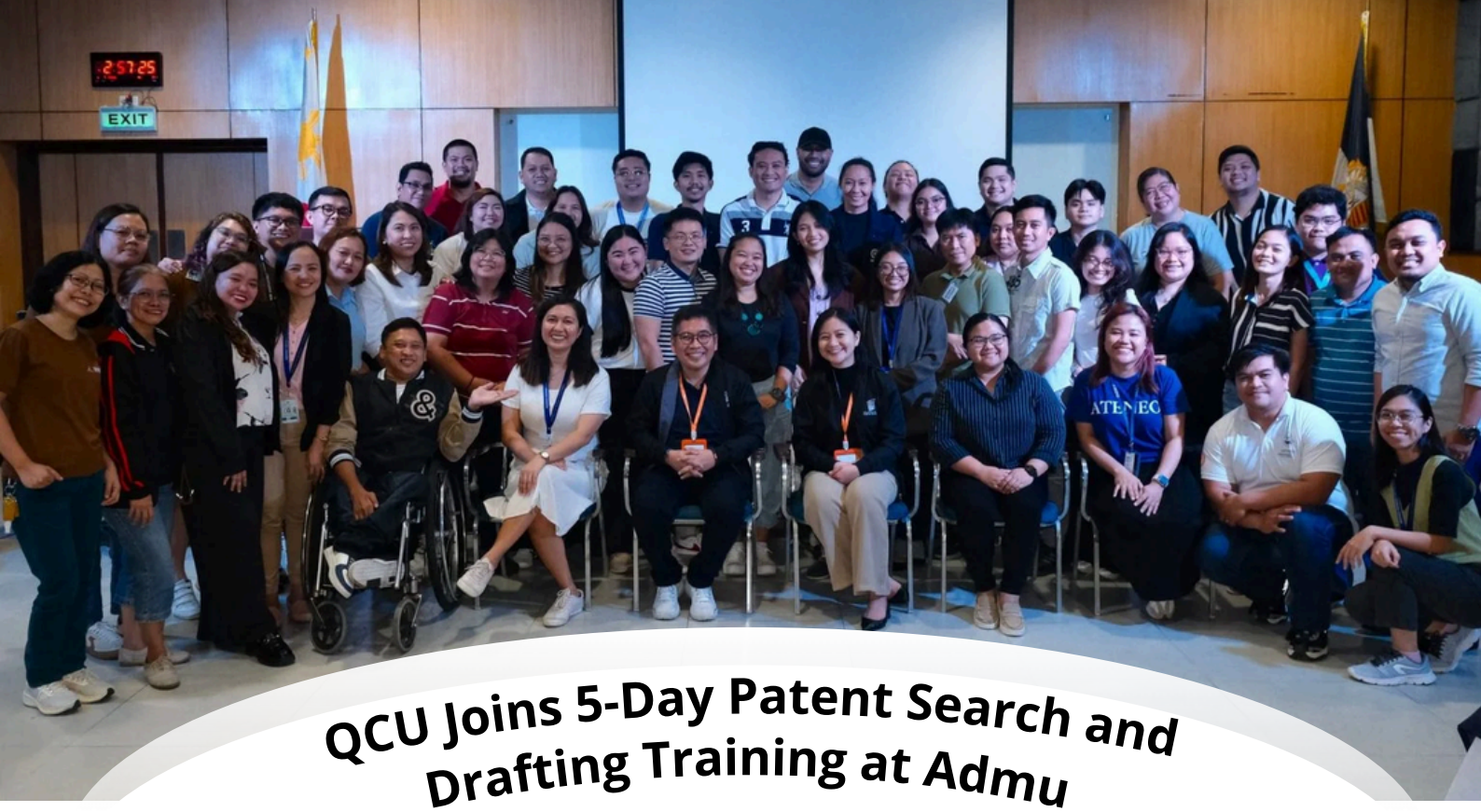
Building on this momentum, the **Business Implementation Launch** held on October 13–14, 2025 provided a platform for students to showcase their enterprises and innovative business ideas, demonstrating QCU's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and empowering students to become future business leaders and contributors to economic development.

Complementing these efforts, the **partnership between QCU and the Quezon City Technical and Vocational Advancement Center (QCTAC) expanded access to skills development opportunities** that enhance workforce readiness and promote lifelong learning, while career guidance seminars, licensure recognition programs, and professional development initiatives further helped students and graduates prepare for employment, entrepreneurship, and professional practice.

Together, these initiatives reflect QCU's commitment to developing a highly skilled, adaptable, and future-ready workforce capable of contributing to sustainable economic growth and innovation.







QCU Joins 5-Day Patent Search and Drafting Training at Admu

Recognizing that innovation is the engine of economic growth, Quezon City University is actively empowering its innovators to transition their ideas from the laboratory to the marketplace. From June 30 to July 4, 2025, representatives from QCU's Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) including General Manager Ms. Maria Aura C. Impang, Mr. Joe Andrew Esposa, Ms. Crystalynne Cortez, and Mr. Luisito Soriano participated in an intensive patent training at Ateneo de Manila University. Organized jointly by AIPO and IPOPHL, the foundation course equipped the QCU team with critical skills in prior art searching, patent drafting, and intellectual property protection.

Throughout the hands-on workshops, the QCU delegation demonstrated their readiness to navigate the commercial landscape. The team successfully pitched "PICAPOD," an energy-boosting prototype featuring fast oral absorption, and engaged in high-level negotiation simulations for licensing and commercialization. By mastering these intellectual property frameworks, QCU is fiercely safeguarding the creative works of its students and faculty, laying a secure foundation for a thriving, university-led startup ecosystem that fuels local economic growth.







IP Protection

Innovation

Economic Growth



INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



BUILDING QCU'S INNOVATION PIPELINE

QCU VEX Robotics on the Global Stage

QCU's robotics achievements demonstrated the creativity, technical skill, and global competitiveness of students in engineering and technology.

Quezon City University made history as its Electronics Engineering and Information Technology students represented the Philippines at the **2025 VEX Robotics World Championship – VEX U Division**, held from May 9–11, 2025, at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, Texas, USA. In their world championship debut, **Team QCU1 secured 15th place out of 63** international teams in the Skills Competition, achieving victories against teams from the United States, Mexico, and China after earning their spot through outstanding performances in national competitions, reflecting QCU's growing excellence in robotics, engineering, and technology education and proving that Filipino students can compete and thrive among the world's best.



QCU ON THE WORLD STAGE

15TH PLACE
OUT OF
63
INTERNATIONAL TEAMS
SKILLS COMPETITION



Team QCU1's performance at the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship **reflects months of design, programming, testing, and collaboration**. Competing against leading university teams from around the world, the students showcased not only technical excellence but also the innovation, perseverance, and teamwork that define the University's commitment to engineering and technology education.

Their success **serves as an inspiration to future QCU innovators and demonstrates the growing capability of Filipino students** to compete and excel on the global stage.

TEAMWORK
Stronger together.

INNOVATION
Ideas that create impact.

PERSEVERANCE
Driven by passion, focused on goals.

GLOBAL IMPACT
Proudly representing the Philippines.

Digital Innovation for Sustainability: QCU Enhances EcoCycle Community Platform in Barangay Talipapa

On October 27, 2025, students from the BS Information Technology Program of Quezon City University (QCU), under the supervision of Asst. Prof. Joan Lawan, visited Barangay Talipapa to present updates on the Barangay Talipapa Website — **a community-driven platform developed through their NSTP-CWTS community immersion**.

The website supports the barangay's environmental advocacy, **EcoCycle**, which promotes sustainability and proper waste management.

Beyond serving as an informational hub, the site **features a solid waste trading system** where residents can exchange recyclable materials for points that can be redeemed for agricultural products grown within the barangay. This project **reflects how digitalization can empower communities**, showing that technology can play a vital role in urban agriculture, environmental conservation, and civic participation.

This initiative is part of the QCU SMILE Extension Program, particularly under the IANGAT (upliftment) and EKSPERTO (expertise sharing) pillars—highlighting the University's commitment to service-learning, innovation, and sustainable community development.




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INCLUSION AS A MEASURE OF UNIVERSITY IMPACT

Disability and Filipino Sign Language Training

As part of its commitment to inclusivity and accessible education, Quezon City University (QCU) participated in the **Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training (DAST),** which was held on March 21, 2025 (Friday), followed by a Basic Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Training from March 24 to 26, 2025 (Monday to Wednesday), with selected representatives from various administrative and academic departments in attendance with essential knowledge and skills to better understand, support, and communicate with persons with disabilities.

Through these training initiatives, **QCU continues to strengthen its efforts in creating a more inclusive and accessible campus environment**. By promoting awareness, empathy, and effective communication, the university reaffirms its commitment to ensuring equal access to education and services for all members of the community.

INCLUSION IN ACTION

- DISABILITY AWARENESS
- FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE
- COMMUNICATION ACTION
- EQUAL PARTICIPATION

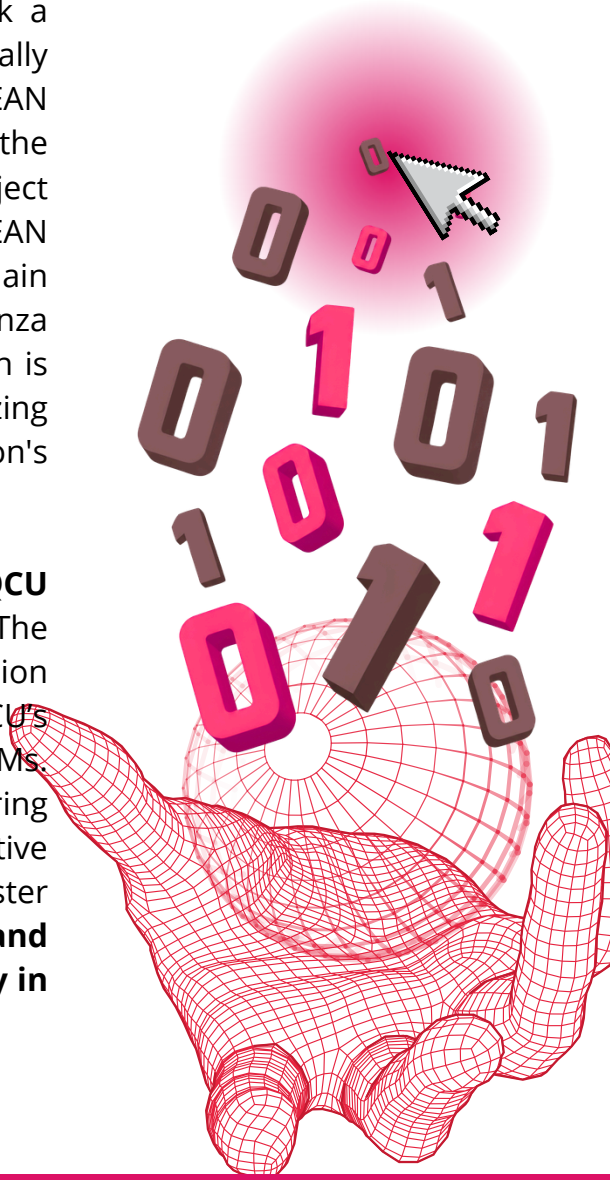






QCU Joins ASEAN Youth AI Literacy Champions Project Through Partnership with ASEAN Youth Organization

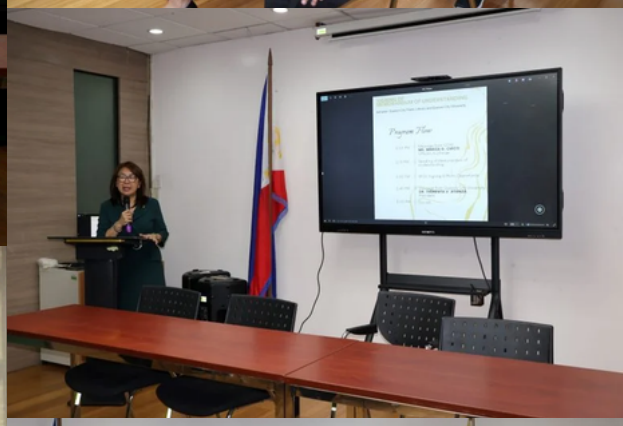
On July 21, 2025, Quezon City University (QCU) took a monumental step toward technological equity by formally signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the ASEAN Youth Organization (AYO). The partnership brings the **ASEAN Youth AI Literacy Champions (AYALC)** project part of the AI Ready ASEAN initiative backed by the ASEAN Foundation and Google.org directly to the QCU Main Campus. Led by QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza and AYO Founder Mr. Senjaya Mulia, this collaboration is dedicated to advancing AI literacy and democratizing access to cutting-edge digital education for the region's youth.



By integrating the AYALC project into its curriculum, **QCU is actively breaking down the digital divide.** The program goes beyond basic coding to champion responsible and ethical digital practices, guided by QCU's own Master Trainers, Ms. Paula Joy Dela Cruz and Ms. Angela Arago. This milestone reflects QCU's unwavering commitment to providing globally competitive, innovative learning opportunities. By ensuring its students master essential AI skills, **QCU is leveling the playing field and empowering the next generation to lead inclusively in a rapidly evolving, tech-driven world.**











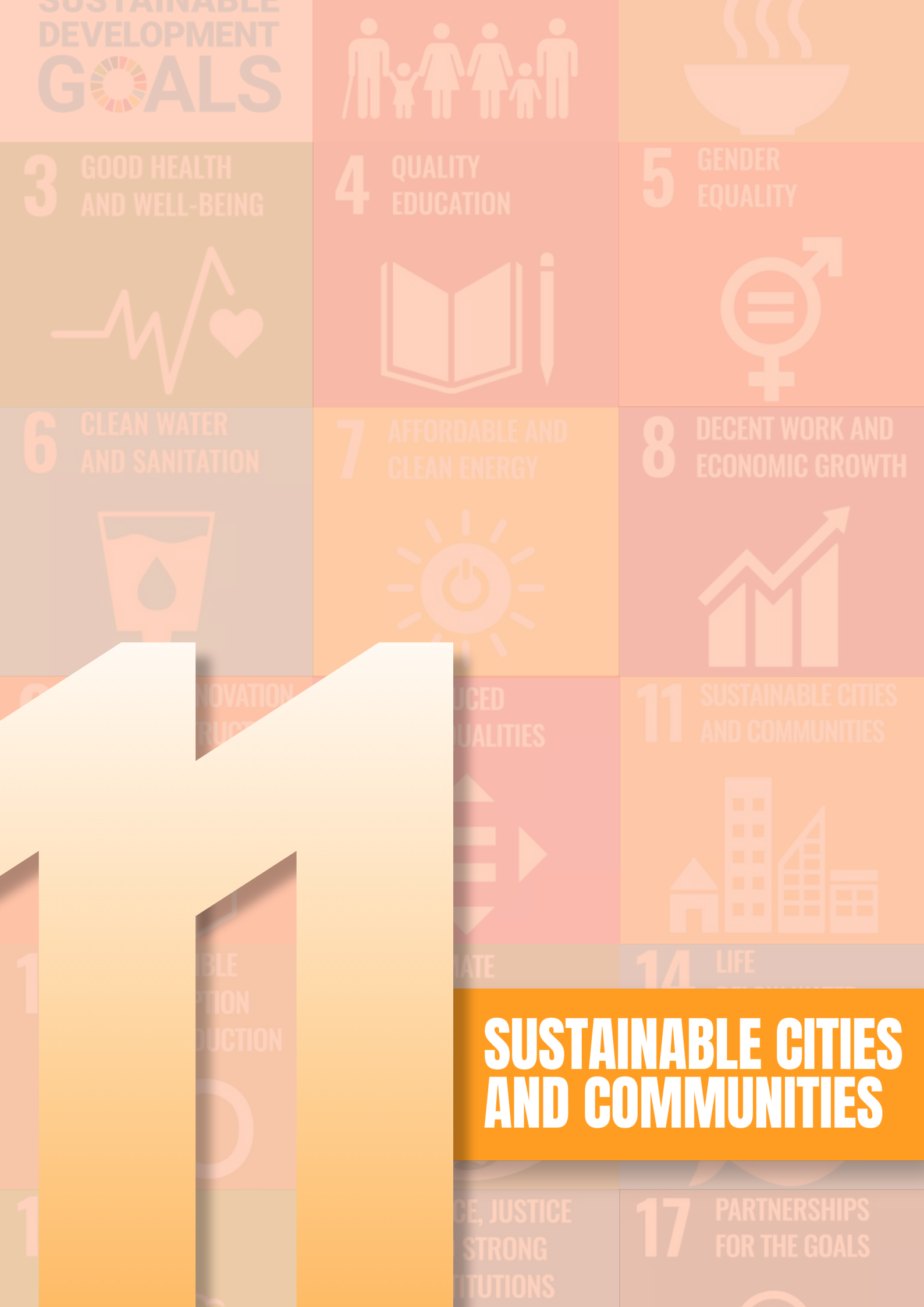
QCU and QC Public Library Unite to Promote Education, Research, and Lifelong Learning

On February 11, 2025, Quezon City University (QCU) and the Quezon City Public Library (QCPL) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bridge the gap in educational access. The historic signing, led by QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza and QCPL OIC Ms. Mariza G. Chico alongside key library and academic officials, establishes a powerful framework for shared resources and community service. By breaking down institutional barriers, this partnership ensures that the extensive research materials, digital services, and academic support once reserved for enrolled students are now accessible to the wider public.



This collaboration strikes at the heart of SDG 10 by actively reducing educational inequalities through community-centered action. Beyond granting QCU students and faculty access to QCPL's vast collections, the agreement paves the way for joint literacy programs, specialized training opportunities, and grassroots community engagement initiatives. By uniting their strengths, QCU and QCPL are championing inclusive education and proving that quality learning and intellectual growth belong to everyone in Quezon City.




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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

QCU Students Continue to Benefit from QCity Bus "Libreng Sakay" Program



The Quezon City Government continues to provide free transportation through the QCity Bus "**Libreng Sakay**" program, benefiting students of Quezon City University by making daily travel more convenient and affordable. The initiative helps ease transportation expenses, particularly for students from low-income families, while improving access to education and essential services. The program also supports **Sustainable Development Goal 1.3.3**, which promotes social protection and accessible public services for all.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Key Benefits for Students

- Reduces daily transportation expenses
- Provides convenient travel routes for QCU students
- Helps students from low-income families
- Improves access to education and school services

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ROUTE 4	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
QUEZON CITY HALL TO GENERAL LUIS	5:40 AM – 9:00 AM (10 MINS INTERVAL) 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM (30 MINS INTERVAL) 2:30 PM – 8:00 PM (10 MINS INTERVAL) 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM (30 MINS INTERVAL)	6:30 AM – 8:30 PM (30 MINS INTERVAL)	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM (1 HR INTERVAL)
GENERAL LUIS TO QUEZON CITY HALL	5:10 AM – 9:00 AM (10 MINS INTERVAL) 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM (30 MINS INTERVAL) 2:30 PM – 7:50 PM (10 MINS INTERVAL) 8:00 PM (LAST RIDE)	6:30 AM – 8:00 PM (30 MINS INTERVAL)	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM (1 HR INTERVAL)

Contribution to Sustainability

- Encourages shared public transportation
- Helps reduce the city's carbon footprint
- Promotes inclusive and student-centered development

YBUS

Through its continued partnership with the Quezon City Government, QCU supports the vision of a greener, more inclusive, and education-driven city where **no student is left behind**.

QCU Mounts Its First-Ever TEDxQuezonCityU, Redefining Success Through Ideas That Inspire



On December 6, 2025, the QCU Auditorium buzzed with transformative energy as the university mounted its historic, first ever TEDxQuezonCityU. Guided by alumnus and license holder Dexter P. Baño Jr. and co-sponsored by QCU YES, the landmark event gathered nearly 100 participants under the theme "Redefining Success." While challenging conventional notions of achievement, the inaugural TEDx event elevated QCU into a global network committed to intellectual curiosity, innovation, and courageous conversations aimed at shaping the future.



IDEA SHARING. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE. SUSTAINABLE FUTURES.

TEDxQuezonCityU became a vital hub for SDG 11 by showcasing powerful strategies for urban well-being and disaster resilience. The QCU community engaged deeply with pioneering insights from Space Science Correspondent William Kevin Abran and life coach Obet Cabrillas. Notably, the advocacy of Robyn Mijares on youth-led agricultural sustainability and PDRF President Rene Meily's call for solution driven leadership empowered students to take active active roles in building safer, more resilient, and sustainable Quezon City communities.



QCU, Artisté Museum Seal Partnership to Advance Culture-Driven Education

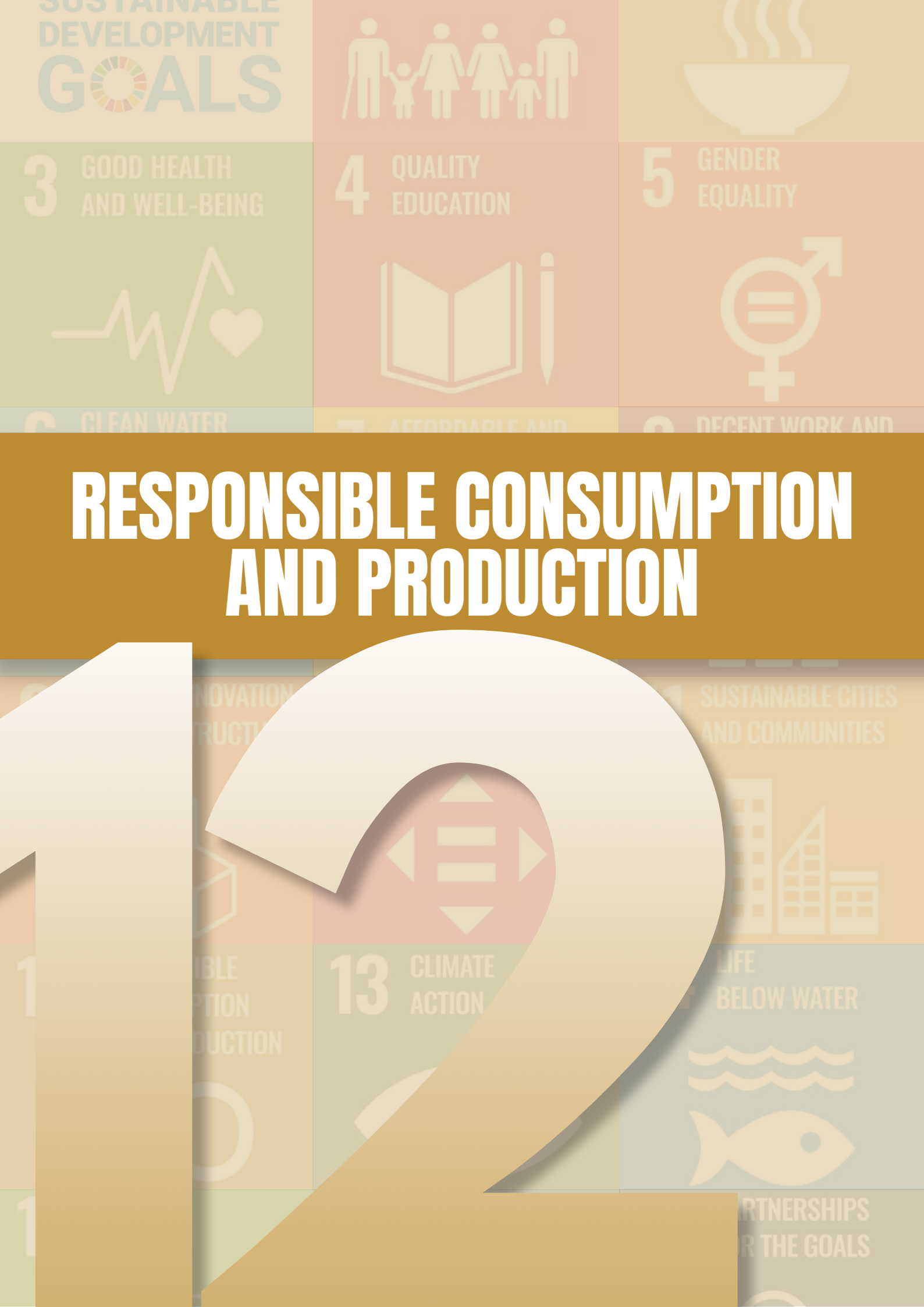




A sustainable city is a culturally vibrant city. Recognizing this, Quezon City University (QCU) and Artisté Museum formally sealed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen arts, culture, and community-centered learning. Signed by QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza and Artisté Museum CEO FDr. Anthony V. Gedang—and witnessed by veteran actor Mr. Leo Martinez and PCCI-QC President Anne Marie B. Francisco the partnership cements the arts as a vital pillar of urban education. By committing to provide curated exhibitions and museum-grade displays, Artisté Museum is helping QCU create accessible, inclusive spaces that celebrate our community's rich identity.

A flagship initiative of this partnership is the “Doon Po sa Amin” workshop, designed to empower grassroots storytelling. Led by Mr. Martinez and supported by the AV Gedang Foundation and PCCI-QC, the workshop trains students and community members to become "videolantés" using mobile technology to capture and share authentic local narratives. Through these culturally immersive programs, QCU is actively advancing SDG 11 by ensuring that the preservation of heritage and the cultivation of creativity remain highly accessible to all Quezon City citizens.

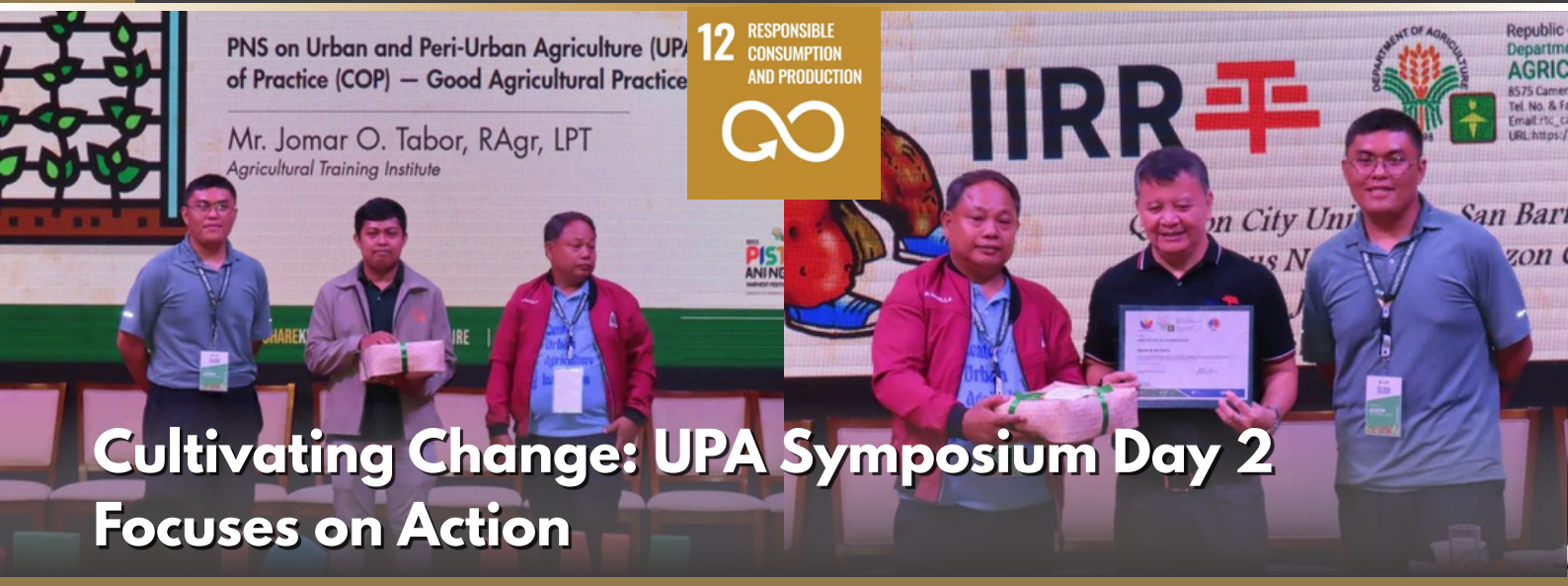




RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

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Everyday Sustainability in Campus and Community Practice



Cultivating Change: UPA Symposium Day 2 Focuses on Action

National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP)
Aims to transform idle urban spaces into productive gardens and farms — a centerpiece initiative highlighted at the symposium.

Experts, students, and community leaders gathered at Quezon City University (QCU) for a symposium promoting sustainable urban farming as a key solution to food security and greener cities.

Participants explored modern farming technologies, sustainable practices, and successful community projects that have turned vacant lots into thriving food sources.

> *"This is about empowering cities to feed themselves sustainably."*
> *— ATI Representative*

Modern Farming Technologies

Composting & Rainwater Harvesting

Community Farm Projects



QC's "Joy is a Farm" Earns Global Recognition at the 2025 CityNet SDG Awards

Quezon City proudly celebrates another international milestone as its flagship sustainability initiative, "**Joy is a Farm**" was recognized at the 2025 CityNet SDG Awards held in Denpasar, Indonesia on October 27, 2025.

The city's pioneering urban farming program achieved 2nd Place Overall – Top 3 Winner and won the coveted Breakthrough Innovation of the Year Award, showcasing Quezon City's leadership in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through education and innovation.

Receiving the award on behalf of Quezon City Government was Dr. Theresita V. Atienza, President of Quezon City University (QCU), whose leadership has been instrumental in driving the university's sustainability initiatives and community-centered programs.

With QCU Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation (QCU-CUAI) as its main platform, Joy is a Farm was designed to align closely with Quezon City's vision of inclusive growth, environmental stewardship, and resilient communities.

The SDGs were embedded into the program's concept and monitoring framework, ensuring measurable impact in poverty reduction, food

security, environmental sustainability, inclusive education, and community resilience.

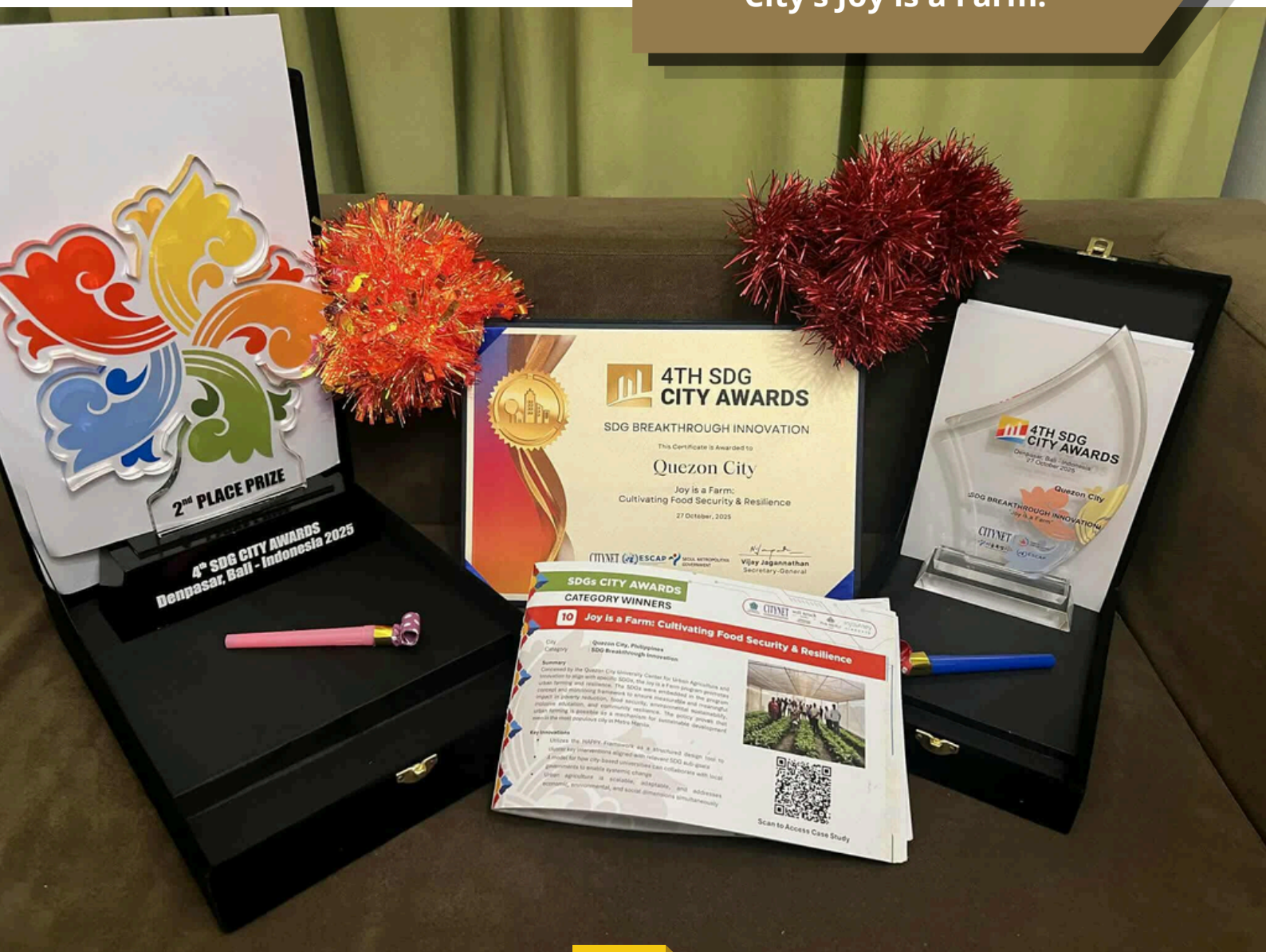
Through this initiative, Quezon City demonstrates that urban farming can thrive even within highly urbanized environments, serving as a tangible model of sustainable development in the most populous city in Metro Manila. It stands as proof that innovation, guided by strong local governance and academic collaboration, can yield transformative solutions for both people and the planet.

The recognition from CityNet reaffirms Quezon City's commitment under Mayor Joy Belmonte's leadership to pursue forward-thinking, community-driven policies that promote sustainability and resilience.

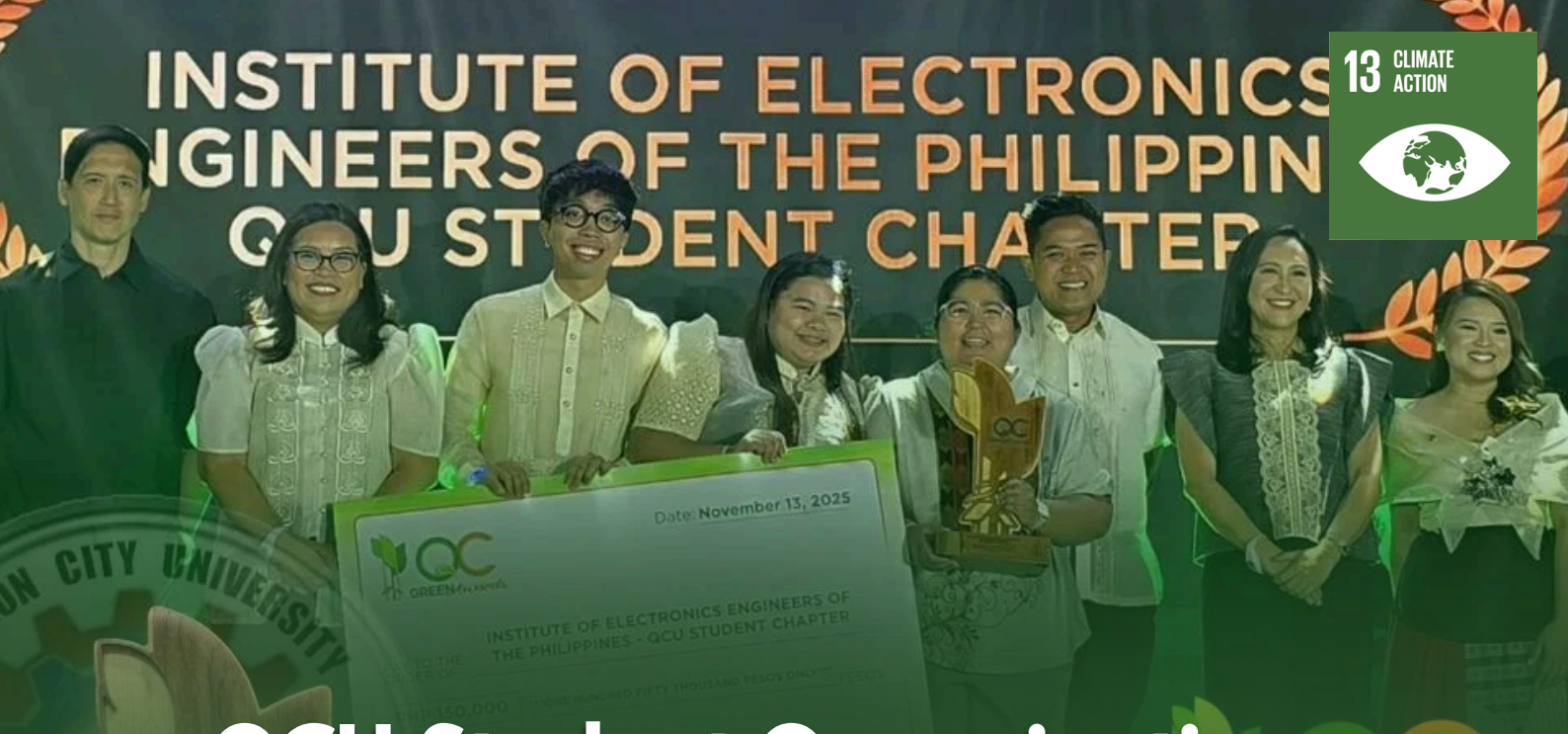
Meanwhile, QCU's continued involvement underscores the vital role of education in equipping citizens to become active stewards of their environment.

This global recognition is a triumph for both Quezon City and Quezon City University — a testament to the power of partnership, purpose, and progress.

A proud moment of innovation, sustainability, and education — truly, **Quezon City's Joy is a Farm!**




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QCU Student Organizations Shine at the QC Green Awards 2025

"Building a greener, more resilient Quezon City starts with a collective commitment to environmental stewardship and community-driven initiatives as youth-led innovations ultimate catalyst for climate action. "

Quezon City University (QCU) proudly celebrated a major milestone in environmental stewardship by receiving the Excellence in Climate Action Award at the QC Green Awards 2025. Formally accepted by University President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza at the Quezon City M.I.C.E. Center on November 13, this institutional triumph reflects the unwavering commitment and collective effort of the entire QCU community.

- 2 Outstanding Student Organizations Awarded (PIIE-ORSP & IECEP)
- 1 Institutional Excellence Award in Climate Action
- 100% Commitment to Sustainable Campus Practices and Extension Programs
- Cash Grants secured to expand innovative youth-based sustainability projects.

2 Organizations, 1 Institutional Win



QCU Engineering Champions Sustainable Innovation at 2025 National Bike Day Forum

"Iisang Daan, Iisang Kinabukasan: Nagkakaisang Padyak Para sa Ligtas at Likas-Kayang Pamayanan"





Quezon City University's College of Engineering, alongside the IECEP QCU Student Chapter, took center stage at the 2025 National Bike Day Active Mobility Forum at the QC MICE Center. This participation highlights QCU's collective commitment to forging safer, greener, and more sustainable communities through active mobility.

At the heart of the exhibit was the IECEP QCU SC's PEDAL POWER prototype. Serving as a real-world, practical engineering solution rather than just a theoretical concept, the project perfectly demonstrates the organization's dedication to tackling present climate challenges. Building upon their recent Excellence in Climate Action recognition at the 2025 QC Green Awards, this flagship initiative showcases how the university continuously empowers young engineers and student leaders to advance sustainability and community development.

QCU Joins National Forum on Climate Action and PAGTANAW 2050 at Manila Observatory

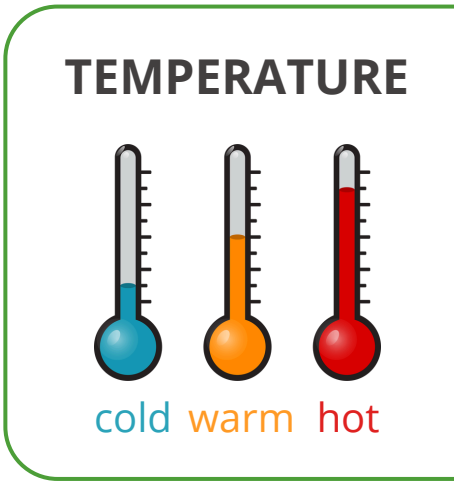






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Representing QCU's commitment to these global goals, Ms. Elaine Tandoc and Research Director Mr. Angelito P. Bautista Jr. were officially inducted as new PhilAAST members during the event. Beyond contributing to high-level dialogues on climate education and inter-sectoral coordination, QCU actively laid the groundwork for future student opportunities, including exploring internship placements at the Manila Observatory. By advancing research and curriculum efforts related to sustainability, QCU continues to strengthen its partnerships with national stakeholders, driving STI-driven solutions for environmental resilience under SDGs 4, 11, and 13.

"Academic institutions hold the central role in generating data and advancing anticipatory adaptation strategies."





LIFE BELOW WATER

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Youth Advocacy for Maritime Stewardship

QCU hosted TRIB-YOUTH para sa WPS 2024, an advocacy event that raised youth awareness on the West Philippine Sea, maritime heritage, environmental protection, and national responsibility.





TRIB-YOUTH para sa West Philippine Sea

Quezon City University (QCU) served as the venue for the inaugural TRIB-YOUTH para sa WPS 2024, organized by the 7th Civil Relations Group of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Carrying the theme "Our Seas, Our Rights, Our Future," the event sought to raise awareness among young people about the importance of protecting the West Philippine Sea and fostering a deeper sense of national responsibility.

Students from various schools showcased their talents through music, theater, dance, and spoken-word performances that highlighted Philippine sovereignty, environmental stewardship, and national unity. More than a cultural gathering, the event empowered participants to become advocates for maritime conservation and active contributors to the preservation of the country's heritage and future.





Action. Reselience. Unity



YOUTH ADVOCACY



CREATIVE EXPRESSION



MARITIME HERITAGE

The Ripple Effect: How Urban Farming Innovations Safeguard Our Oceans

"Every drop saved on the farm is a drop protected for the ocean. True engineering excellence looks at the entire water cycle."





What happens in urban farms directly impacts our oceans. Recognizing this critical link, QCU's NSPT-CWTS II students successfully launched "Waterwise: Optimizing Water Efficiency for Sustainability" at Sharon Farm. By moving beyond theory and deploying a real-world sprinkler irrigation system, the students optimized water usage to prevent excess drainage into local waterways that eventually feed into the sea. Integrated into the College of Engineering and REPL Extension Management Office's Project GREENSPACE, this student-led initiative demonstrates how practical, localized engineering solutions play a massive role in preserving global marine environments.


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Regenerating Land, Biodiversity, and Green Spaces



Tree-Planting Activity at QCU San Bartolome

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More than an environmental activity, the event highlighted the value of collaboration in advancing social responsibility and sustainable development. Through efforts like this, QCU and QCJFD continue to contribute to building a greener, healthier, and more environmentally conscious community for future generations.



15 LIFE ON LAND

Every tree planted today is a promise of a greener tomorrow, where communities unite to protect, restore, and sustain life on land.

Continuing Success at Sharon Farm: Romaine Lettuce Harvested from Project COLDFRAME 2.0

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FARM FACT!!!

Much of the lettuce sold in supermarkets and restaurants across Metro Manila is sourced from farms in Benguet, the country's "Salad Bowl."







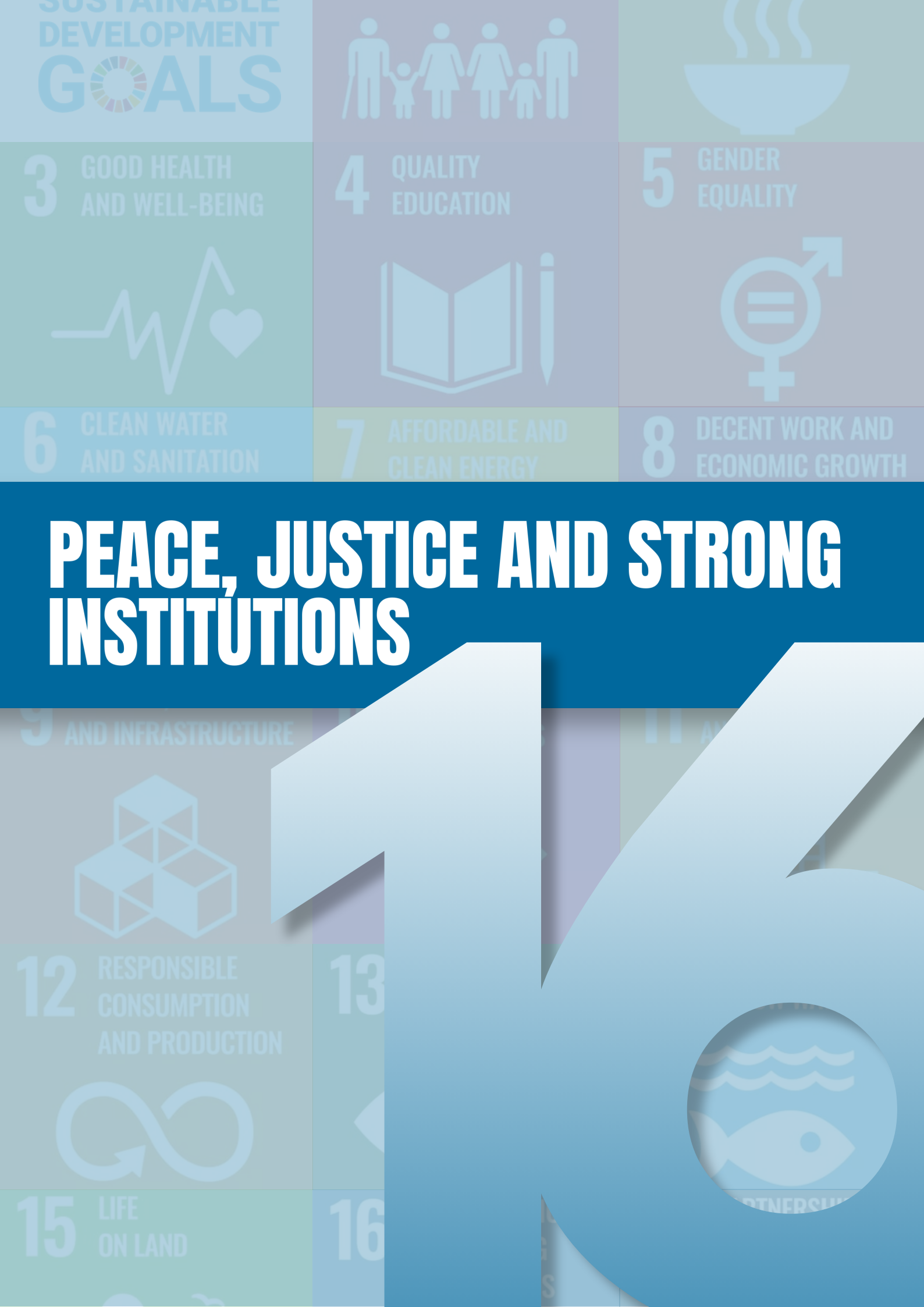




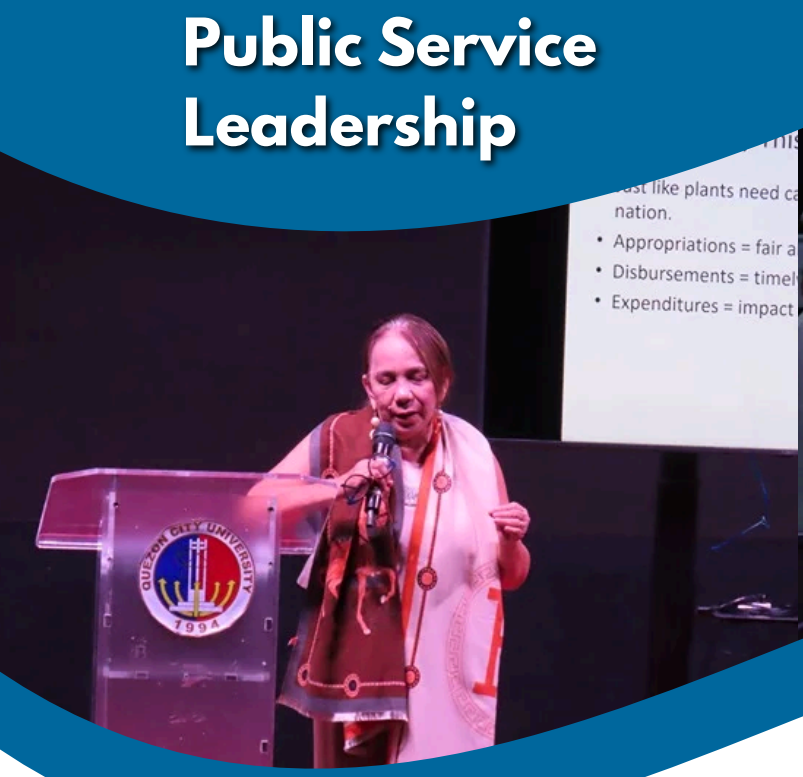
East West Center Alumni Association Philippines Honors Dr. Atienza for Support of Boera Women's Gardening Project

Quezon City University's dedication to sustainable terrestrial ecosystems took the global stage as President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza was honored by the East West Center Alumni Association Philippines (EWC AAP). This prestigious recognition celebrated Dr. Atienza's outstanding support during the EWC Ohana's visit to the QCU Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation. The visit championed the Boera Women's Ministry Entrepreneurial Community Gardening Pilot Project a transformative initiative led by Doreka Dai aimed at equipping rural women with the resources to succeed in sustainable agriculture and land management.

By leading an immersive tour of QCU's agricultural facilities, Dr. Atienza highlighted how education and innovation are the strongest tools for solving community challenges. Her inspiring leadership and orientation helped strengthen the project's core mission: empowering women to become independent entrepreneurs and active stewards of the land. This global collaboration reflects QCU and the EWC's shared values, proving that sustainable community gardening is a vital step toward protecting life on land while making a lasting socio-economic impact.


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Ethical Governance and Public Service Leadership





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TRANSPARENCY. ACCOUNTABILITY. TRUST

Heidi Mendoza Shares Powerful Message on Transparent Governance

The Seminar on Barangay Financial Management was enriched by the presence of Heidi Mendoza, whose distinguished career in public service has become a symbol of integrity, accountability, and ethical leadership. Through her insights and experiences, she emphasized the importance of transparency, responsible stewardship of public resources, and the vital role of trust in effective governance.

Addressing barangay leaders, Ms. Mendoza underscored that genuine leadership is rooted not in authority, but in honesty, courage, and a commitment to serving the public good. Her message served as a powerful reminder that when integrity guides decision-making, communities become stronger, governance becomes more effective, and public trust continues to flourish.

"True governance starts at the grassroots. By championing transparent financial management at the barangay level, we aren't just managing resources we are building strong, unshakeable institutions built on the ultimate currency: public trust."







QCU's Leadership Course Inspires Public Service Resilience

The Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. School of Governance at QCU, in partnership with the QC Barangay and Community Relations Department, proudly ushered in Batch 2 of the Certificate Course on Leadership in Public Service and Fundamentals of Public Management. Participants hailing from Districts 4, 5, and 6 were given an empowering orientation, marking the start of their journey toward elevating local governance. Guiding this pivotal experience were resource speakers Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega and Lawrence Angelo L. Malasa. Their combined expertise and visionary perspectives are set to inspire a new generation of servant leaders, turning this course into a movement toward resilient and transparent governance for the entire Quezon City community.

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"Transformative governance begins when current leaders commit to professional development." – Dr. Raymundo P. Arcega









DILG-NCR Partnership on BNEO Advanced Module Development

Quezon City University (QCU) reinforced its commitment to good governance and inclusive leadership through capacity-building programs, strategic partnerships, and institutional policies that promote accountability and ethical conduct. By supporting both community leaders and members of the academic community, the University contributed to the development of transparent, responsive, and people-centered governance systems.

A key initiative was the implementation of Leadership and Public Management Certificate Courses for barangay leaders, which enhanced competencies in public service, community resilience, and effective local governance. This effort was complemented by QCU's partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG-NCR) in the development of advanced modules for the Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) Program, further strengthening leadership and governance capacity at the local level.

Within the institution, QCU continued to uphold principles of fairness, integrity, and accountability through policies that safeguard academic freedom, prohibit discrimination, and promote ethical conduct. Together, these initiatives reflect the University's commitment to fostering responsible leadership, strengthening democratic governance, and cultivating an institutional culture grounded in transparency, respect, and the rule of law.



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QCU and World Vision Explore Partnership to Advance Literacy, Inclusive Education, and Community Development





On July 8, 2025, the meeting provided an opportunity to share ideas and explore how both organizations can work together to support learners and reach more communities through meaningful programs — reflecting QCU's ongoing efforts to promote inclusive, sustainable, and community-based education.

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Literacy
Promoting reading and foundational learning skills across communities

Inclusive Education
Supporting learners from all backgrounds to access quality education

Community Development
Reaching more communities through meaningful and sustainable programs

QCU and Barangay Talipapa Forge Partnership for Sustainable Community Development

Quezon City University continues to strengthen its commitment to community partnerships through a newly signed Memorandum of Understanding with Barangay Talipapa—supporting service learning, urban agriculture initiatives, and sustainable community projects.





Quezon City University formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Barangay Talipapa last July 30, 2025, at the QCU Main Campus, reinforcing the University's commitment to sustainable and community-centered partnerships.

Representing the University were Dr. Theresita V. Atienza, University President, together with Dr. Randel D. Estacio and the deans of QCU's academic colleges. Officials from Barangay Talipapa were led by Hon. Atty. Eric R. Juan alongside youth and barangay representatives.

> ***The partnership is expected to create more opportunities for service learning, extension initiatives, and sustainable community projects grounded in mutual respect and shared purpose.***

Key Participants

QCU Representatives
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- Dr. Randel D. Estacio
- QCU Academic Deans

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- Hon. Atty. Eric R. Juan
- Hon. Ma. Denielly Solano
- Barangay Delegates



Sharon Farm Visits QCU Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation





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Official Visit & Guided Tour

On July 10, 2025, Quezon City University welcomed Sharon Farm, managed by Barangay Novaliches Proper, for an official visit at the CUAI Demonstration Farm, recently recognized by DA-ATI as a **Learning Site for Agriculture I**. QCU President **Theresita V. Atienza** led the tour with the College of Engineering–BS Industrial Engineering Program and REPL Extension Management Office representatives.

Hon. Enrique P. Añonuevo
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Hon. Cecilia M. Ramos
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Members of the Sharon Farm farmers' community

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Meeting & Discussion

Following the tour, a meeting was held with the Sharon Farm delegation to discuss the currently implemented:

INITIATIVE

BSIE PROGRAM · COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

Project GREENSPACE

Designed to support sustainable practices in Sharon Farm and strengthen community resilience.

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On-Site Inspection at Sharon Farm

The College of Engineering – BS Industrial Engineering Program, led by College **Dean Dr. Ryan F. Arago** and Program Chairperson **Dr. Jeffrey L. Cacho**, visited Sharon Farm with BSIE students to inspect the ongoing projects and assess their current conditions on-site.

This engagement reflects QCU's continuing commitment to **academic excellence, community partnership, and innovation in sustainable agriculture.**

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Dakila kang humubog ng dangal
Dalisay na gabay sa pag aaral
Tagumpay laging ipinagdarasal
QCU naming pinakamamahal

Sa pagsibol ng aming pagkatao
Bigyang liwanag at kulay ang mundo
Tahanan ka ng husay at talino
Taglay ang pangarap ng Pilipino

Pinagpalang Quezon City University
Pangalan ay laging aalagaan
Natatanging Quezon City University
Sandigan ng aming kinabukasan
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