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From Commitment to Impact: QCU's Sustainability Journey 2025



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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.

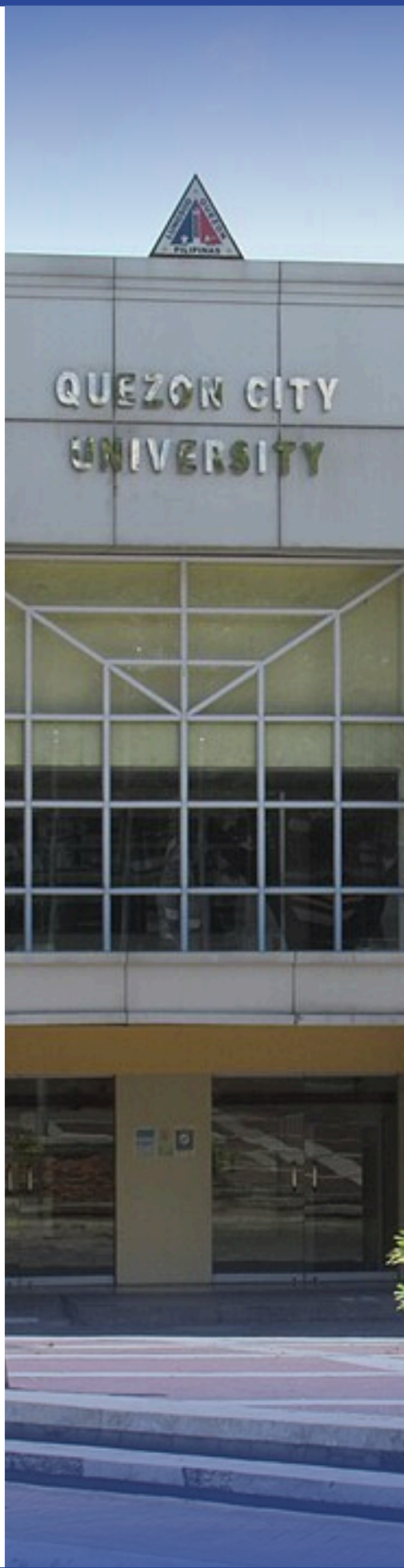
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership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

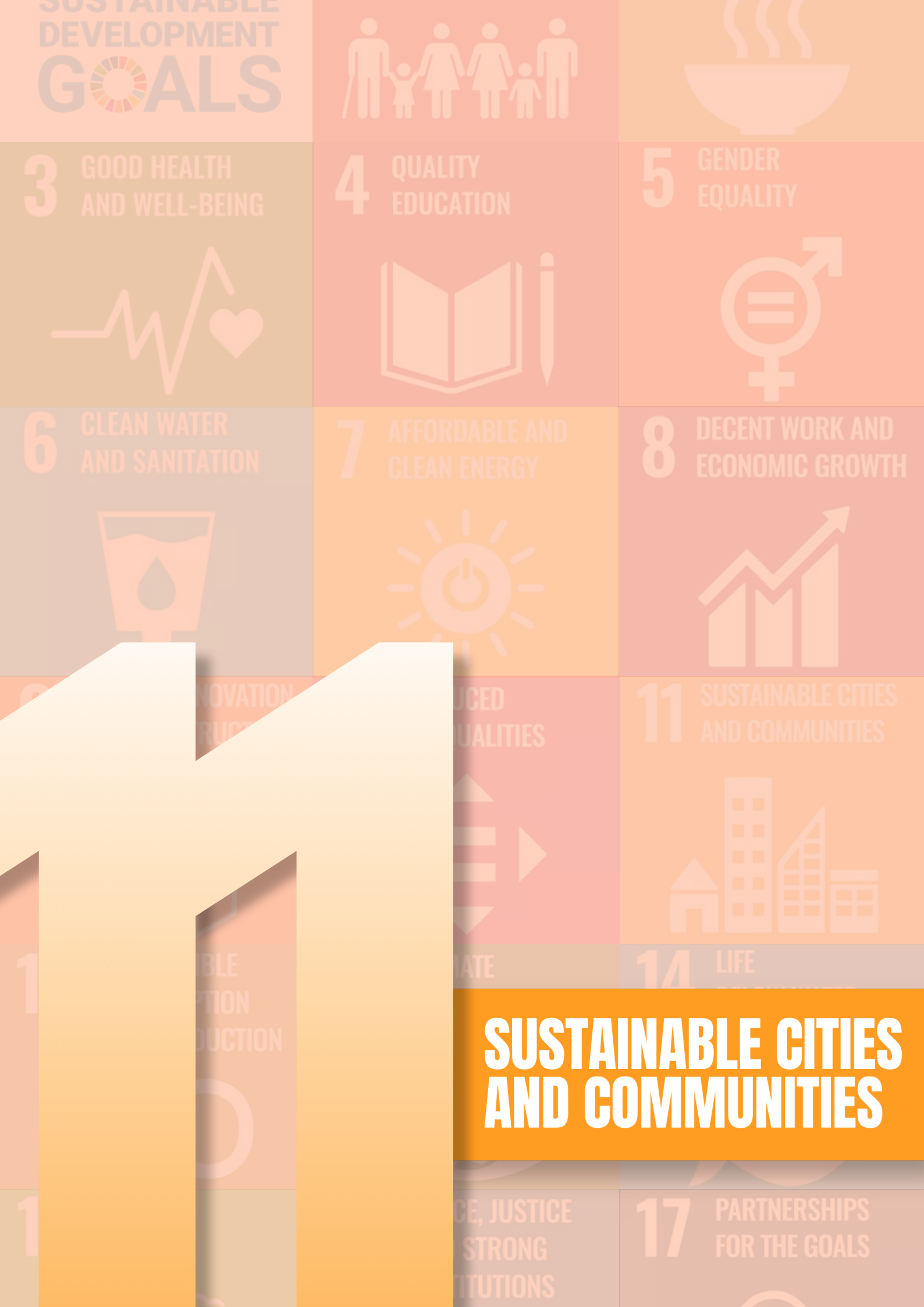
Our sustainability journey is rooted in people. It is seen in the opportunities we open for students, the communities we serve, the knowledge we create, and the partnerships we build for the public good. While we are encouraged by our growing presence in sustainability rankings and the recognitions received 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


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
14 LIFE
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
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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.

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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

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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.



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