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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.

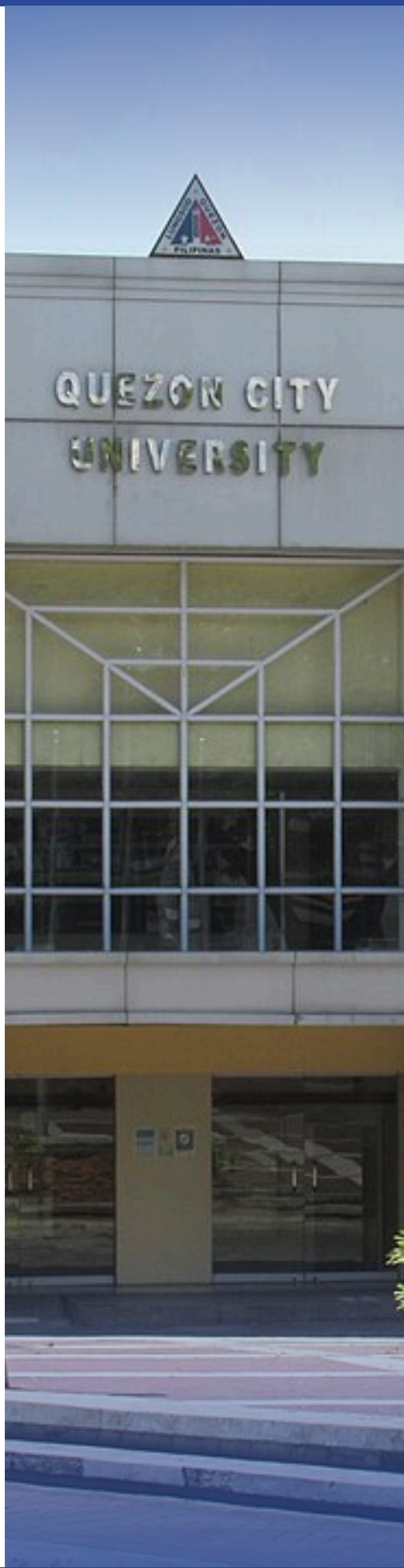
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership 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
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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
14 LIFE BELOW WATER
16 PEACE AND S INSTIT
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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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