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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.

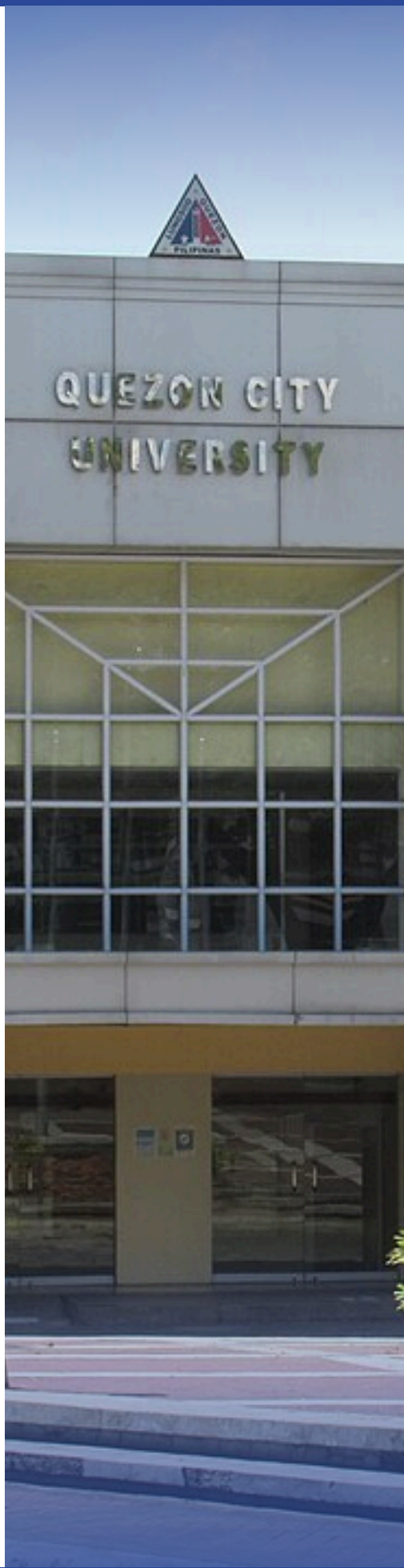
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership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



PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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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.

Representatives From

World Vision Philippines

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Program Manager

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Program Officer

Mr. Reynaldo L. Cesar
Program Officer

Ms. Germaine M. Del Moru
Education Specialist

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Dean, College of Accountancy

Dr. Ryan F. Arago
Dean, College of Engineering

Dr. Jeffrey L. Cacho
Chairperson, Industrial Engineering Program

Mr. Lenard Bien
Acting Director, Extension Management Office

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
- Dr. Theresita V. Atienza
- Dr. Randel D. Estacio
- QCU Academic Deans

Barangay Talipapa
- 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
Barangay Kagawad · Committee Head, Environment, Climate Change Adaptation & BDRRM

Hon. Cecilia M. Ramos
Barangay Kagawad · Committee Head, Gender and Development

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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