QUEZON CITY UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2025

From Commitment to Impact: QCU's Sustainability Journey 2025



QUEZON CITY UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2025

Quezon City University
Research, Extension, Planning, and Linkages

Editorial Consultant:
Theresita V. Atienza, DEM

Editor-in-Chief:
Angelito Bautista Jr., LPT, MAComm

Coordinator:
Angela L. Arago, DIT

Layout and Design:
Gillian C. Morales
Stephen Mark A. Mirador

All Rights Reserved. 2025.



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.

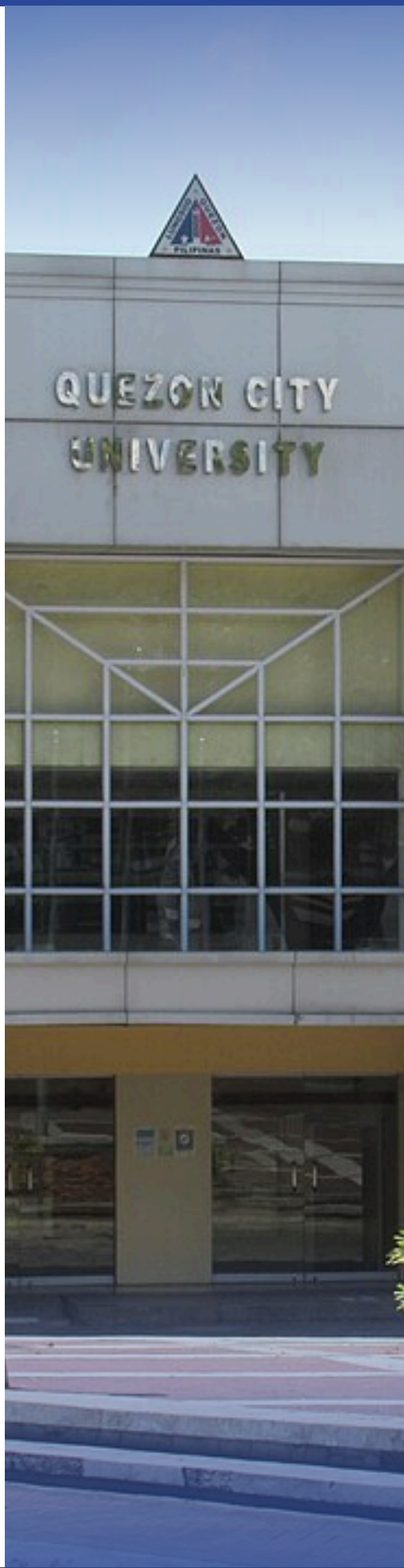
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership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

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.

QUEZON CITY UNIVERSITY

SAN BARTOLOME | BATASAN | SAN FRANCISCO

