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# About QCU

The Quezon City University, formerly known as the Quezon City Polytechnic University, came into existence on March 1, 1994, by virtue of the City Council Ordinance No. SP-171. The institution was created to undertake skilled workers' training in response to the manpower requirement by industry and business establishments within the city. The organization of the Polytechnic as a local government educational institution included the old Skills and Training Center. The QCP established its reputation among local government units as a show window and model technology-based institution, paving the way for its recognition by the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) and developing a strong alliance with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



On August 20, 1997, the Polytechnic was enhanced into a University through City Council Ordinance No. SP-544, S-97. The leadership of former Quezon City Mayor Feliciano “Sonny” Belmonte saw meaningful access to higher education.

Starting 2005-2006, the University has started offering degree programs. Initially, the courses are BS in Entrepreneurial Management, BS in Information Technology, and BS in Industrial Engineering. SP-1945, s. 2009, otherwise known as “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. SP1030, s. 2001 (or the QCPU Charter)”, passed by the Quezon City Council, grants the Quezon City Polytechnic University semi-autonomy as to its fiscal management and control over its operations, budgeting and reporting requirements. Under the Ordinance SP-2308 s. 2014, the QC Council authorizes the University to offer the Senior High School Program as mandated by the Department of Education. In July 2019, the SP-2812 s.2019 or the “Ordinance converting the Quezon City Polytechnic University to Quezon City University and enhancing its charter” was fully implemented, with Dr. Victor B. Endriga being named as the OIC President of the University.

On October 8, 2020, after the search committee for president recommended three (3) qualified applicants and nominees, the University Board of Regents appointed Dr. Theresita V. Atienza as its first elected University President with a fixed six-year term. Dr. Atienza envisions QCU to be recognized as the # 1 local university of employable graduates. For 27 years since its establishment, QCU has evolved significantly.

QCU now offers degree programs in accountancy and entrepreneurship, information technology, and engineering from being a technical education provider. And soon, QCU will cater to more talented and deserving students by providing relevant undergraduate and graduate programs that meet domestic and global markets’ demands.

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**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**



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## MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Quezon City University reaffirms its commitment to sustainability as a cornerstone of its mission to deliver quality, inclusive, and transformative education. In 2024, we advanced initiatives in environmental stewardship, responsible consumption, sustainable urban agriculture, and community engagement—efforts that are fully aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

These milestones reflect not only compliance with global benchmarks but also QCU's deep responsibility to the people of Quezon City. By embedding sustainability into teaching, research, extension, and campus operations, we are shaping future-ready graduates who are also conscious stewards of society and the environment.

As we move forward, QCU will continue to strengthen its role as a local university with a global mindset—pioneering practices that build resilient communities and ensuring that sustainability remains at the heart of our journey.

**Dr. Theresita V. Atienza**  
University President



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# PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Quezon City University (QCU) supports Sustainable Development Goal 16 by promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions through education and community engagement. In 2024, QCU advanced civic awareness, ethical governance, and public service by strengthening partnerships with government agencies and developing leadership programs for local officials. These efforts highlight the university's commitment to building informed, resilient communities and fostering inclusive, accountable institutions.





## QCU and NICA-NCR Collaborate to Counter Terrorism and Promote Peace and Provide Expert Advice Through Policy Guidance

On March 28, 2024, Quezon City University (QCU) and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency – National Capital Regional Office (NICA-NCR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance campus safety and promote national security awareness. The partnership, aligned with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), focuses on joint education campaigns against terrorism, training programs for the academic community, and knowledge-sharing on national security and peacebuilding. QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza and NICA-NCR Director Dennis Godfrey F. Gammad emphasized the role of education in fostering peace and countering extremist ideologies.

### Member, QCU Board of Regents

**Prof. Daryl R. Panganiban**  
President, QCU Alumni Association

**Rina Ramos-Palmiano**  
President, QCU Faculty Association

**Ms. Brienna Santos**  
President, Supreme Student Council





## Lifelong Learning for Barangay and Capacity Building Leaders of Governance, Public Leadership, and Policy Making

On March 10, 2024, Quezon City University (QCU) launched the Executive Education Certificate Course entitled “Certificate Course in Leadership in Public Service and Fundamentals of Public Management” in partnership with the Quezon City Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD) at its San Bartolome Campus. The five-day program, designed for over 300 barangay officials, focused on developing leadership, governance, and communication skills.

Topics included ethical leadership, public management tailored to local government, adaptive leadership, and collaborative problem-solving. QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza emphasized integrity and

transparency, while guest speaker Mr. Kier B. Franco discussed servant leadership and diversity. The course aligned with SDG 16 and SDG 17, promoting strong institutions and effective partnerships for sustainable governance.



**Conducts Policy - Focused Government Research**

Evidence: QCU PESO Research 2023

# Education for Peace and Values Formation

The First Asia-Pacific Family Peace Leadership Conference was held from July 19 to 21, 2024, at The Manila Hotel in the Philippines, gathering leaders, educators, and peace advocates under the theme “The Essence of One Family Under God: A Platform of World Peace for a New Civilization.”

The three-day event aimed to advance global peace through family-centered values and education, emphasizing love, service, and righteousness as foundations for a peaceful civilization.

One of the highlights of the conference was the Education Plenary Roundtable on July 20, where Quezon City University (QCU) President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza served as a key discussant. The session, chaired by Dr. Ernesto Ray G. Adalem, CEO of St. Clare College and Secretary-General of the Federation of Associations of Private School Administrators, explored the theme “Education’s Role in Cultivating and Strengthening God-Centered Families and Individuals.”

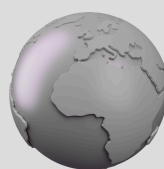
Joining Dr. Atienza were esteemed educators, including Dr. Ma. Junithesmer D. Rosales, Professor at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and Dr. Lora L. Yusi, Regional Director of CHED Region III. In her remarks, Dr. Atienza underscored the transformative role of education in instilling values, fostering ethical leadership, and cultivating a culture of peace within families and communities. She also shared QCU’s ongoing efforts to promote community engagement and character-building among students, faculty, and local leaders.

Beyond the plenary sessions, the conference featured diverse roundtable discussions and a family festival highlighting cultural performances, showcasing unity in diversity.

The Asia-Pacific Family Peace Leadership Conference concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthen collaboration among institutions and communities in promoting family-centered education as a vital pathway to achieving lasting peace.



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