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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.

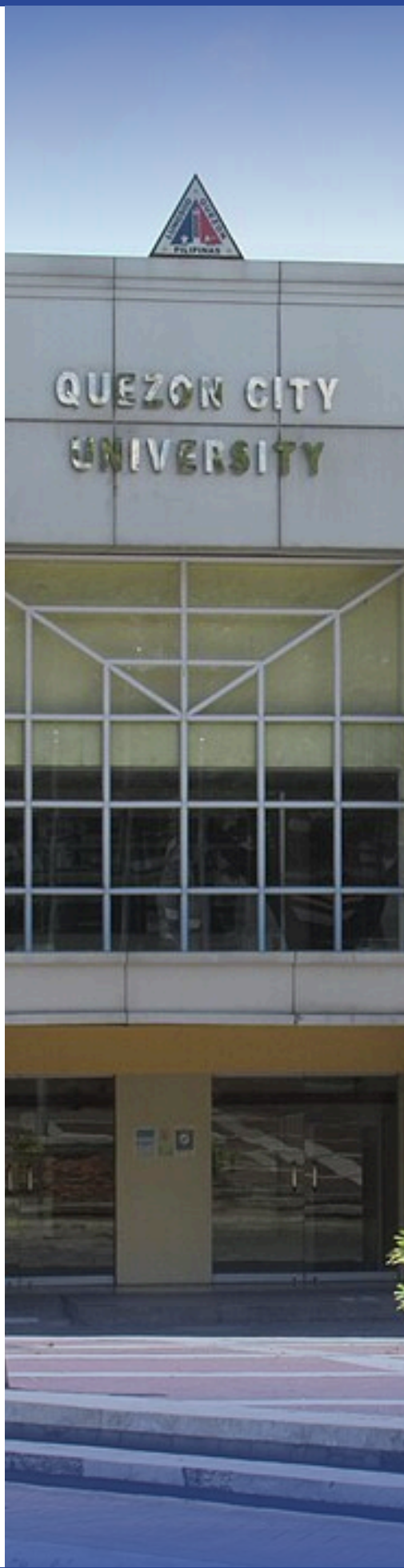
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership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

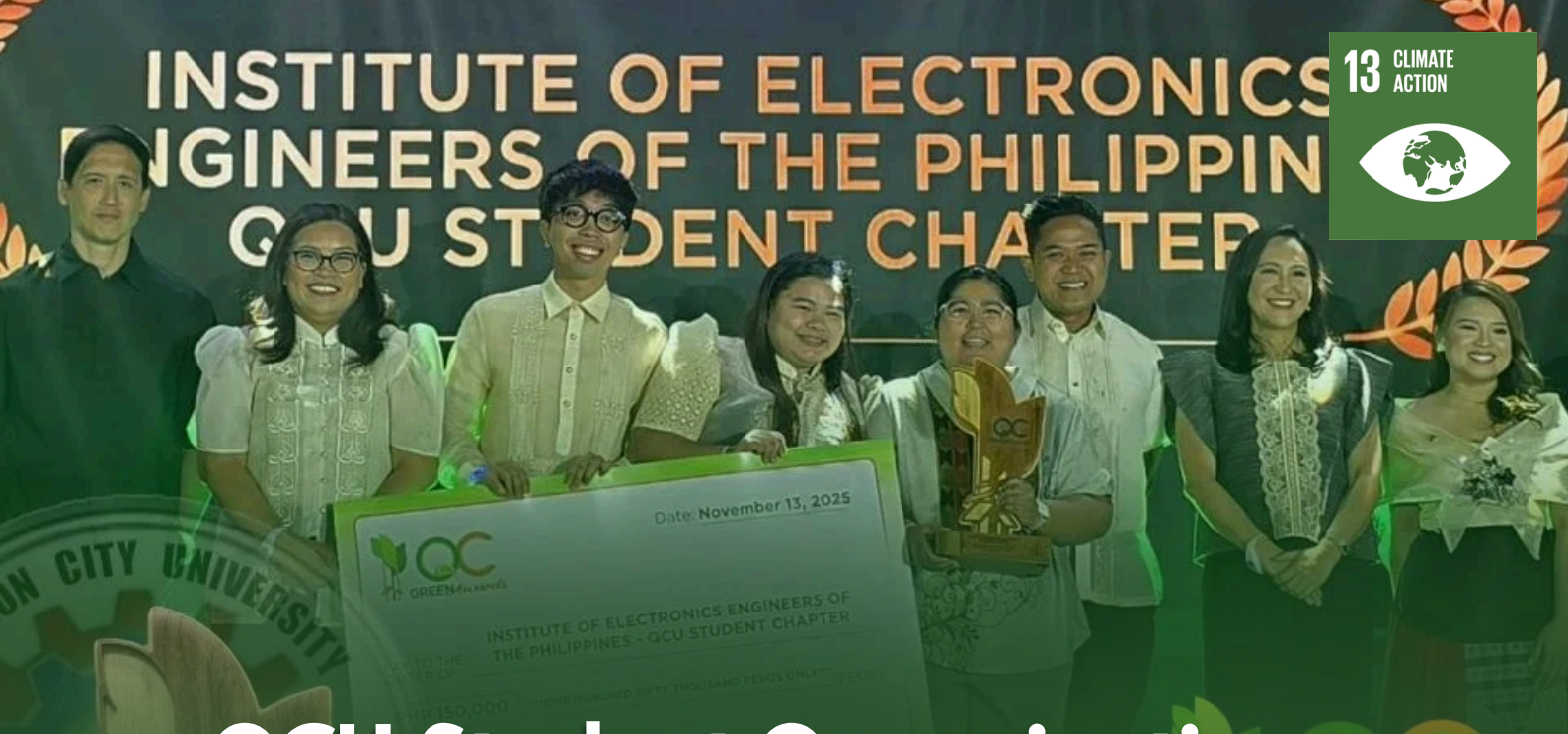


This Sustainability Report presents QCU as a university steadily widening its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals. It tells the story of an institution growing not only in visibility but in purpose, responsibility, and social impact.

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


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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
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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QCU Student Organizations Shine at the QC Green Awards 2025

"Building a greener, more resilient Quezon City starts with a collective commitment to environmental stewardship and community-driven initiatives as youth-led innovations ultimate catalyst for climate action. "

Quezon City University (QCU) proudly celebrated a major milestone in environmental stewardship by receiving the Excellence in Climate Action Award at the QC Green Awards 2025. Formally accepted by University President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza at the Quezon City M.I.C.E. Center on November 13, this institutional triumph reflects the unwavering commitment and collective effort of the entire QCU community.

- 2 Outstanding Student Organizations Awarded (PIIE-ORSP & IECEP)
- 1 Institutional Excellence Award in Climate Action
- 100% Commitment to Sustainable Campus Practices and Extension Programs
- Cash Grants secured to expand innovative youth-based sustainability projects.

2 Organizations, 1 Institutional Win



QCU Engineering Champions Sustainable Innovation at 2025 National Bike Day Forum

"Iisang Daan, Iisang Kinabukasan: Nagkakaisang Padyak Para sa Ligtas at Likas-Kayang Pamayanan"





Quezon City University's College of Engineering, alongside the IECEP QCU Student Chapter, took center stage at the 2025 National Bike Day Active Mobility Forum at the QC MICE Center. This participation highlights QCU's collective commitment to forging safer, greener, and more sustainable communities through active mobility.

At the heart of the exhibit was the IECEP QCU SC's PEDAL POWER prototype. Serving as a real-world, practical engineering solution rather than just a theoretical concept, the project perfectly demonstrates the organization's dedication to tackling present climate challenges. Building upon their recent Excellence in Climate Action recognition at the 2025 QC Green Awards, this flagship initiative showcases how the university continuously empowers young engineers and student leaders to advance sustainability and community development.

QCU Joins National Forum on Climate Action and PAGTANAW 2050 at Manila Observatory

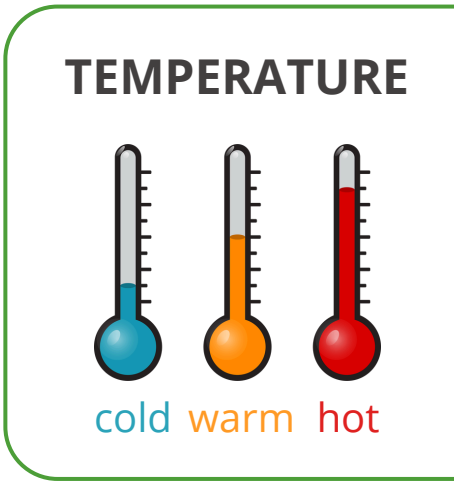






Strengthening Climate Action Through Education, Innovation, and Collaboration

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Representing QCU's commitment to these global goals, Ms. Elaine Tandoc and Research Director Mr. Angelito P. Bautista Jr. were officially inducted as new PhilAAST members during the event. Beyond contributing to high-level dialogues on climate education and inter-sectoral coordination, QCU actively laid the groundwork for future student opportunities, including exploring internship placements at the Manila Observatory. By advancing research and curriculum efforts related to sustainability, QCU continues to strengthen its partnerships with national stakeholders, driving STI-driven solutions for environmental resilience under SDGs 4, 11, and 13.

"Academic institutions hold the central role in generating data and advancing anticipatory adaptation strategies."



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