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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.

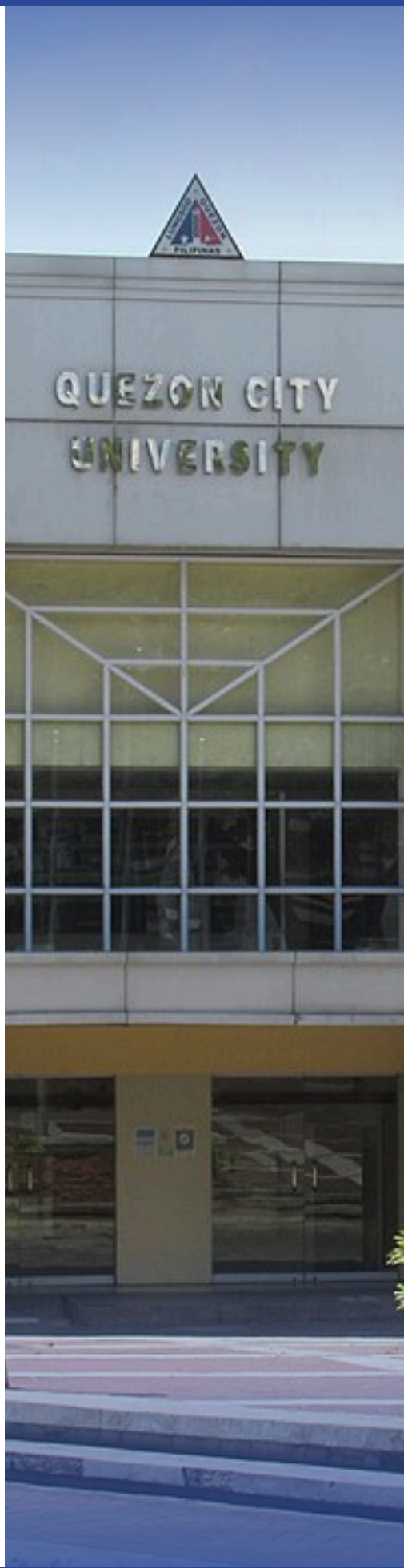
Second, **urban agriculture and community extension** emerged as one of QCU's strongest flagship narratives. Through the Center for Urban Agriculture and Innovation and initiatives such as Joy is a Farm, QCU connected food security, climate resilience, entrepreneurship, student learning, and city partnership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

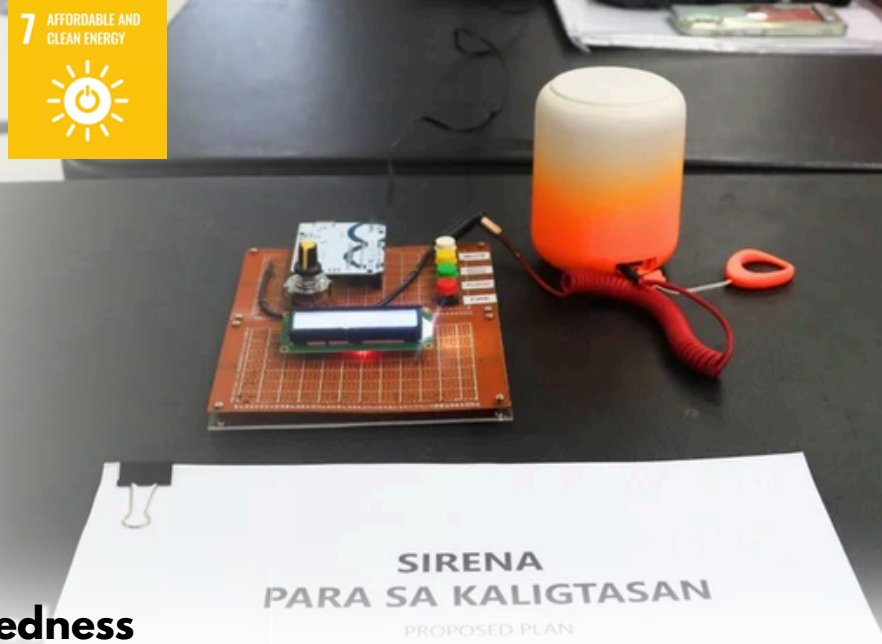
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CLEAN ENERGY FOR SAFER AND MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



Solar-Powered Siren for Barangay Disaster Preparedness

QCU's College of Engineering collaborated with Barangay Novaliches Proper on a solar-powered siren prototype designed to strengthen emergency response through sustainable technology.

In August 2025, Quezon City University (QCU) and Barangay Novaliches Proper held an initial coordination meeting for the **Solar-Powered Siren Project**, an initiative designed to enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response using sustainable technology. During the meeting, the QCU team presented the project's prototype, technical plans, implementation roadmap, and budget requirements, showcasing innovative engineering solutions tailored to community needs.

The project reflects QCU's commitment to community extension and service learning by **connecting academic expertise with local development efforts**. Through the active involvement of faculty, students, and barangay officials, the Solar-Powered Siren Project highlights the university's role in promoting community resilience and empowering future engineers to create meaningful, real-world impact.





Harnessing Renewable Energy for Community Resilience



Quezon City University demonstrated that engineering education is most impactful when applied beyond the classroom, working with communities to create practical solutions for sustainability and public safety.

On September 3, 2025, the College of Engineering partnered with Barangay Novaliches Proper to **advance the solar-powered early warning siren system**. Led by Dr. Ryan F. Arago with faculty members and barangay officials including Hon. Asuncion M. Visaya, Hon. Enrique Anonuevo, and Hon. Cecille Ramos, the initiative continued to strengthen disaster preparedness through sustainable technology. The follow-up meeting presented updated project plans, a prototype, technical schematics, an implementation roadmap, and budget requirements.

On November 22, the IECEP QCU Student Chapter (BS Electronics Engineering) joined the **2025 National Bike Day Active Mobility Forum** at the QC MICE Center, hosted by the Quezon City Government and the Department of Transportation. With the theme "**Iisang Daan, Iisang Kinabukasan: Nagkakaisang Padyak Para sa Ligtas at Likas-Kayang Pamayanan**," they showcased the PEDAL POWER prototype, a green engineering project promoting active mobility and environmental sustainability, following its recognition for Excellence in Climate Action at the 2025 QC Green Awards.

Together, these initiatives reflect QCU's commitment to engineering excellence in service of society, empowering students and faculty alike to develop technology-driven solutions that strengthen community resilience and advance sustainable development.

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