

## Tunisia-Sicily: Boosting co-operation in education, technical education and vocational training sectors



Boosting co-operation in the education, technical education and vocational training fields between Tunisia and the region of Sicily, Italy, was the focus of a meeting held, on Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in Tunis, between Messrs. Hatem Ben Salem, Education Minister, and Mario Centorrino, Sicilian Minister in charge of Education and Vocational Training.

The two ministers discussed the opportunities on offer to strengthen the co-operation ties binding the two Tunisian and Italian education establishments, commending the long-standing relations between Tunisia and the region of Sicily.

Mr. Ben Salem briefed his guest on the Tunisian education system and the reforms carried out to help it keep abreast with the pedagogical and technological changes and ensure the right of all to a top-quality education. For his part, the Sicilian minister underscored his region's readiness to develop bilateral co-operation, voicing appreciation of the idea to exchange twinning, so as to enrich the education systems in Tunisia and Sicily.

The two ministers suggested to hold a conference on technical education and its prospects, to be organised on a regular basis in Tunisia and Sicily.