

## International symposium on motivation to reading



The Education Ministry is organising on December 17-18, in Tunis, an international symposium on "Motivation to Reading" in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), and the French Co-operation Institute (IFC).

The meeting, which is attended by experts, academics, education inspectors, educators, as well as men of culture, media people and publishers, aims to identify the phenomenon of discouragement to read, so as to devise a clear strategy to motivate students to practice this activity and reconcile them with books.

The symposium also seeks to exchange ideas on means to promote language teaching.

Several papers on the important role of reading in broadening students' knowledge and motivating children to read, feature on the agenda of this meeting, which also includes the organisation of a round-table discussion on the promotion and rehabilitation strategy of reading.

Education Minister Hatem Ben Salem highlighted, on this occasion, the pertinent theme of the symposium, especially as today's world is witnessing swift evolution of modern technologies. He said that among the obstacles that ought to be overcome in education is tackling the reasons behind regression of language mastery.