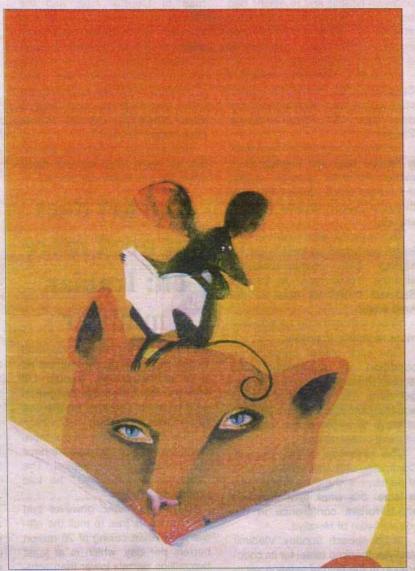


Festival of European and Iranian Children's Literature to be held in Tehran



TEHRAN (MNA) — The Festival Child

of European and Iranian Children's Literature is being held

from September 22 to October 8 at the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (IIDCYA) in Tehran.

The festival is being organized to give artists and cultural figures from different countries the opportunity to exchange views and experiences, to showcase cultural variety, and to encourage Europeans and Iranians to seek common ground.

A number of European writers, illustrators, and scholars are scheduled to participate in the festival. Several plays with the central theme of ancient legends and modern stories of Iran and European countries are to be performed during the event as well.

The program will also feature writing and illustration workshops in which children will be asked to write stories based on European illustration works on display at the festival, while Iranian stories will be selected for European children to write about.

In addition, book fairs, exhibitions of illustrations, and screenings of films for children are to be held at the festival.

The event is being sponsored by the Austrian non-governmental organization X-change with the cooperation of several organizations from Finland, Sweden, Iran, and Norway.

IIDCYA is located on Hejab St. near Laleh Park.

