

Rashid the Recycler set for release

DOHA: The Unesco office in Doha has handed over the completed manuscript of *Rashid the Recycler*, a recycling guide for young people in Qatar, to the Ministry of Education.

Unesco officials met yesterday with Dr Nawal Al Sheikh at the Curriculum and Textbook Department of the ministry and submitted the material for the production of the book. A promotional bilingual poster, as well as the film for the book, are now with the printing press of the ministry, and the books will be completed during the summer break, said Dr Benno Boer, head of the Unesco office in Doha.

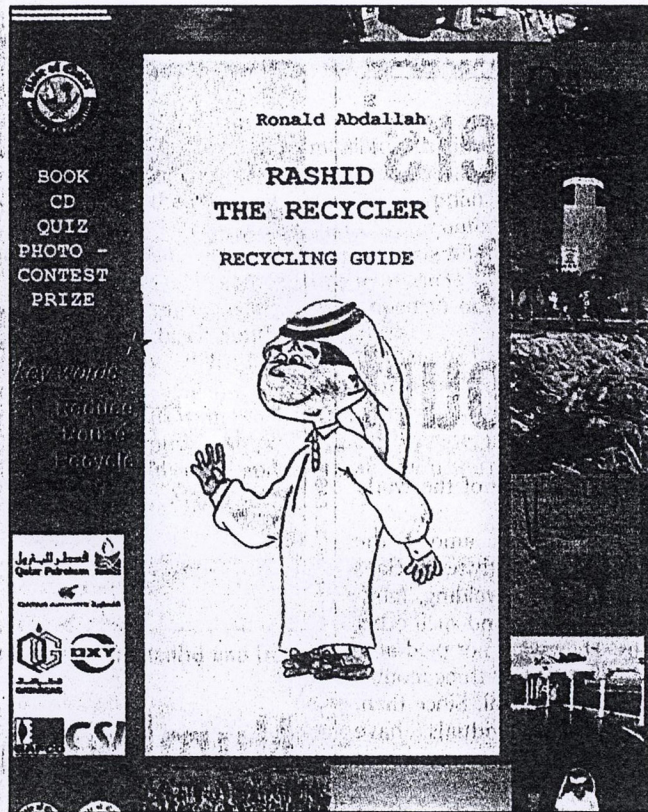
The book features a cartoon character Rashid, who takes the readers through detailed information on the importance of recycling waste for preserving the environment and related issues.

Unesco and the ministry officials discussed the follow-up of the project, including teacher training courses, a quiz, a photo contest and an

environment prize that is associated with the project. One girl and one boy, aged 12 to 18, will win a journey to Europe, including a visit to Unesco's headquarters in Paris. They will also visit a waste management company in France, and an environmental company in Germany, before visiting cultural and natural heritage sites in France, Germany and Italy. They will travel by plane, train, car and boat.

The project, which will be implemented in public and private schools in Qatar, including Unesco-associated schools, has received financial and logistical support from Qatar Petroleum, Qatargas, Oxy, Qafco, Qatar Airways, and Unesco's Coastal Region and Small Islands Platform (CSI). Technical assistance was provided by the Centre of Environment Friends, QNA, Q-Visions and Unigrafix.

The Unesco office in Doha, in conjunction with its headquarters, as well as Unesco's field offices in Rabat, Cairo,



The cover of the book *Rashid the Recycler* which is set to be released after the summer break.

Ramallah, Amman, and Beirut, already started the discussion regarding the development of the second volume of the recycling guide, which will be developed as a PanArab version. It will have comprehensive chap-

ter for Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the UAE, and Yemen.