<u>SDEV to attend 2024 World Cities Day</u> <u>China Observance in Weihai</u>

The Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, will depart for Weihai in Shandong Province tomorrow (October 25) to attend the 2024 World Cities Day China Observance.

Upon her arrival, Ms Linn will attend a welcome dinner and cultural exchange activities. She will attend the opening ceremony of the 2024 World Cities Day China Observance and deliver a keynote speech at the Mayors' Forum on Sustainable Development in Global Cities the following day (October 26).

The 2024 World Cities Day China Observance is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Shandong Provincial People's Government and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government. This year's theme is "Build a People-oriented City and Share a Better Life".

Ms Linn will return to Hong Kong on the evening of October 26. During her absence, the Under Secretary for Development, Mr David Lam, will be the Acting Secretary for Development.