



**Peter Head, OBE FEng FRSA** –Director of ARUP. Peter is a champion for developing global practice that demonstrates that the way we invest public and private money in the built environment could be made very much more effective if the public and private sector adopted sustainable development principles. He is a civil and structural engineer who has become a recognised world leader in major bridges (he received an OBE for successfully delivering the Second Severn Crossing as Government Agent), advanced composite technology and now in sustainable development in cities. He has won many awards for his work including the Award of Merit of IABSE, the Royal Academy of Engineering’s Silver Medal and the Prince Philip Award for Polymers in the Service of Mankind. He joined Arup in 2004 to create and lead their planning and integrated urbanism team. He was appointed in 2002 by the Mayor of London as an independent Commissioner on the London Sustainable Development Commission and leads the planning and development sub-group of the Commission. He is the RAEng judge for the Prince Philip Designers’ Prize. Peter is project director for the planning and development of the Dongtan Eco-city demonstrator on Chongming Island in Shanghai, and the Wanzhuang Eco-City in LangFang near Beijing for the client Shanghai Industrial Investment Co. In July 2008 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in engineering at Bristol University, where he is a visiting Professor in Systems Engineering. In October 2008 Peter was appointed as Innovation Champion for Thames Gateway. Peter is a 2008 Principal Voice on CNN and in the October issue of Time magazine, he was nominated as one of 30 global eco-heroes. Peter has also been awarded the 2008 Sir Frank Whittle Medal by the Royal Academy of Engineering for his efforts to deliver an environmentally sustainable built environment in a rapidly urbanising world. The Medal is a prestigious industry accolade, awarded for outstanding and sustained achievement which has contributed to the well-being of the nation.