



**Figure 8.29** The architecture of Lujiazui from Century Avenue, 2004.

road links, telecommunications facilities and energy systems. This investment allowed building construction to begin. The second phase involved the development of the regional infrastructure to support the development of Shanghai as well as, more specifically, the Pudong area: airports, telecommunications centres, the subway system extension, the external ring road, the international conference centre, etc. These two stages provided the essential infrastructure for further development (Figures 8.28 and 8.29).

The sites have been leased to or are being leased to different property developers by the development company. What is emerging is a spacious, 'glitzy' area of high-rise buildings designed by internationally renowned architects. It presents a panoramic skyline outrivaling Manhattan for architecture grandeur and variety of forms (see Figure 8.28). The open spaces give an image of luxuriousness but they are also large and unfriendly to pedestrians. The width of the central avenue (now called Century Avenue) at 100 metres provides a strong visual link between