The Xiamen City Healthy Pathway Across the Island project is a trail that stitches together many of the city’s public spaces— including parks, mountains, and plazas— across varying elevated and ground-level pedestrian pathways.

Xiamen’s BRT system was the first in China, connecting many key points while facilitating new transit-oriented development. The Xiamen bicycle skyway cover five residential areas and three business centers, together creating a recombinant armature transport system for pedestrians, buses, and bicycles.
Xiamen university is an example of enclave that allows only certain people to access its facilities. Visible fences such as the main gate separate people allowed and not allowed inside.

The campus is also bordered by a road, separating it from the rest of the city. Invisible fences, such as ID cards work as a soft boundary. There is a major gathering point in the middle of campus for informal and formal public gatherings. The university is located near Shapowei, a former fishermen’s village turned into tourist attraction.
Shapowei is a traditional fishermen’s community and the birthplace of Xiamen. With the construction of Yanwu bridge in 2003 and Shimao tower in 2015, Shapowei lost its access to the lake. The native fishing community gradually diminished until 2015, when the government completely shut the area down.

Recently, due to the prime location adjacent to Xiamen University, Huandao Road tourist belt, and Zhongshan Road business district, Shapowei has become the most popular tourist attraction. In addition, the Shapowei community brands as “Western Art District” as a catalyst to stimulate the revival of the “old community” in order to attract young people.
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