# CHAPTER-02 THE GROWTH OF TOWN



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### **Town Growth**

The urban growth process (from human settlement to cities) is simplified and summarized in Figure 1. The urban growth process entails the process from human settlements becoming villages, villages **growing into towns**, and towns being transformed into cities.

Demand

City

Consumption

Production

Trade

Employment

## **Types of Growth of Town**

With respect to direction, the growth of towns and cities can take place in the following two ways.

- ➤ Horizontal Growth. The town expands and develops horizontally in all directions.
- > Vertical Growth. The buildings of the town are designed and developed as multistoried flats.

#### **Horizontal And Vertical Growth of Town**

Urban growth consists of horizontal and vertical expansions. ... While population density is the major driving force of horizontal urban expansion, fixed investment is the major driving force of vertical urban expansion for the city as a whole.

## Difference between horizontal expansion and vertical expansion of a city

**Vertical** city means the development in this type of cities are vertical. It mainly focuses on accommodating large population on a small piece of land. ... Contrary to this, horizontal city means the development in this type of cities are horizontal. It focuses on accommodating small population on a large piece

of land.

