Competition in Public Transport Sector in Singapore: Is there room for more than one operator?

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It has been often argued that competition in the market would result in lower fares, improved service quality and a 'reasonable rate of return'. The current debate on whether competition in the market or competition for the market is desired remains at best shrouded in enigma. We explore the options for Singapore's public transport drawn from sound theoretical underpinnings, international experience and a simulation exercise. The ability to reap scale economies and offer quality service depends on the size of the market and a conducive environment for competition for the market.

About the Speaker

Associate Professor Anthony Chin is a transport economist at the Department of Economics at the NUS and has published widely in transport journals. He was seconded as Lead Economist at the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Land Transport Authority, and is currently a Member of the Public Transport Council, Member of the Government Parliamentary Committee on Transport and the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Logistics and Sustainable Transport. His current research focuses on behavioural economics, role of institutions, travel demand behaviour, and economics of crime.

Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis and admission is free. There will be a reception after the Forum.

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