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Too many add-ons

'Isn't a mileage-only fare model sufficient?'

MR TAN SHAO YI: 'Why is the list of pickup points with surcharges increasing ('\$3 taxi surcharge for rides from Marina Bay Sands'; May 6)? Taxi drivers already have the advantage of call bookings. We need a better and simpler charging model that avoids a situation where cabbies pick their clients and routes. Isn't a mileage-only fare model sufficient? When the more popular routes start to see an oversupply of taxis, drivers will naturally seek out other locations with lesser competition. There is also no reason to impose a peak-hour surcharge since patronage is almost guaranteed during this period. Mileage-only charging has worked well for buses and trains, as well as cab fares in other countries.'

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