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### Cambodia's tuk-tuk rivals

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#### The story...

Cambodia's tuk-tuk rivals

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#### Need-to-know language

**cyclos** – simple bicycle taxis

**tuk-tuks** – three-wheeled motorised vehicles used as taxis

**auto-rickshaw** – (also) three-wheeled motorised vehicle used as a taxi

**ride-hailing** – ordering a taxi to take you somewhere

**carriages** – (here) transport vehicles for paying passengers

#### Answer this...

How do tuk-tuk drivers think competition from auto-rickshaws will affect them?

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#### Transcript

There's a new gang in town: young, colourful, speedy and you see them just about everywhere in Phnom Penh.

But all's not well on the capital's increasingly crowded streets where ageing **cyclos**, motor taxis, locally made **tuk-tuks** and cars all battle for road space.

Now there's the **auto-rickshaw** to contend with. Their popularity has caused a ripple of discontent among the legions of tuk-tuk owners, who see their way of life and incomes under threat.

Deth Chan, tuk-tuk driver

Before the rickshaws arrived, everyone used tuk-tuks. But the rickshaws use LPG so they're

cheaper and they also use the phone network which we don't have, so now customers prefer them over us.

Many auto-rickshaws are equipped with PassApp, a Cambodian version of Uber or Grab. And this new **ride-hailing** platform has quickly won over passengers no longer content to haggle over the fare.

While the drivers of the old and the new **carriages** might see themselves as competitors, there's a potential solution that could see both sides coming together.

### **Top Nimol, PassApp Founder and CEO**

We are in the middle, we understand the market, we understand about the driver. That's why we encourage the driver for the traditional tuk-tuk to join us.

There's little doubt the auto-rickshaw is here to stay. The question now is, can both sides co-exist or is the auto-rickshaw firmly in the driver's seat?

### **Did you get it?**

How do tuk-tuk drivers think competition from auto-rickshaws will affect them?

Tuk-tuk owners worry that competition will threaten their way of life and incomes.

### **Did you know?**

A project called 'Book Book Tuk-Tuk' is using the motorised vehicles to deliver textbooks and lessons to children in remote villages in Cambodia.