

JP Maunes: Putting Accessibility and Inclusion Center Stage in the Philippines

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In April 2016, JP Maunes became a household name in the Philippines when his sign language interpretation for a heated presidential debate led a number of prominent media personalities [to name him as the winner](#).

Mememes with JP's exhausted hands bursting into flames went viral on social media. He was under the spotlight. And ready to play along.

JP became a hero when just years before, the presence of sign language interpretation and many other mechanisms for inclusion of persons with disabilities were absent from the national discourse.

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