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pls pass on to tony --- tony --- do you know this person? i just got it in my email in reaction to the column i wrote.

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From: Lorenzo Cruz <lcruz717@yahoo.com>
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Your recent column seems to suggest that Gawad Kalinga is the Tony Meloto Family Foundation. He is no Bill Gates. Tony Meloto is a salaried employee of Gawad Kalinga. A simple visit to the official website of GK shows that it is the social arm of Couples for Christ (CFC). It even shares the same offices in Green Hills.

Journalism 101 is not taking the person's press releases, self-promoting talk etc. as gospel truth. A research, cross-reference and interviews are the hallmarks of good reporting. Mr. Chanco, I know you are a good reporter but, perhaps, you missed out on this one or was taken in by the golden tongue/smokes and mirrors and self-promotion of Tony Meloto. (I bet CFC/GK paid for his trip to Iloilo.)

To claim that it is a sacrifice for his family to be in GK is preposterous. His wife, Lin and children, Wowie and Jay, all receive salaries from CFC/GK. This is a job for them and all of them receive an income --- nepotism? Perhaps working in a multi-national company is too stressful for them or they are unqualified.

I have heard his British son-in-law, Dylan Wilk, promise so many things but "nasa gawa, indi sa salita." He claims to be a multi-millionaire and yet the only "significant" donation he ever gave GK was a second-hand BMW. I guess his fortune is not that substantial as claimed.

Dylan also said that he is going to be a Filipino citizen. That is baloney! In fact, the reason why he and his wife, Ana Meloto, are going to the United States for GK work (kuno) is that she wants to give birth there so that the child will be in American citizen. What hypocrisy! And using GK funds to pay for their fare and stay for a different reason. US Immigration --- hello?

There are millions of CFC/GK workers who have done more sacrifices and they do their work quietly. His goal? Either to be the president of the Philippines or a Nobel Peace prize winner.

Enough of Tony Meloto, please.

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