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Chancellor Honoured for World Poverty Moves

By Vivienne Morgan, PA Political Staff

Chancellor Gordon Brown scooped a second prestigious international award in a month today as he was honoured for providing "global leadership" on poverty reduction.

Mr Brown was hailed for his "unique and unflinching commitment" as he was named recipient of the 2005 Commitment to Development Award.

The accolade recognises individuals or organisations from rich countries which significantly contribute to changing policies and attitudes towards the developing world.

It is jointly sponsored by Washington-based think-tank The Center for Global Development (CGD) and Foreign Policy magazine.

Earlier this month Mr Brown was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

CGD president Nancy Birdsall said today: "Gordon Brown has provided global leadership on a range of critical development issues, including health, trade, aid and debt relief.

"His initiatives have contributed greatly to ensuring that poverty reduction and sustainable development are at the top of the international agenda.

"The panel has extended this award to Mr Brown on the basis of his unique and

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unflinching commitment to improving the lives of people in the poorest countries of the world."

She continued: "As Chancellor of the Exchequer, he has been a key part of a notable effort by the UK to apply solid economic analysis to the formation of specific proposals to improve rich country policies towards the developing world, especially towards Africa."

The award – which is judged by an international panel – last year went to Oxfam's Make Trade Fair Campaign.

The CGD is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to reducing global poverty and inequality.



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