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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands. April 10, 1963--In connection with the first Law Day observance in the Trust Territory on May 1st, 1963, High Commissioner M. W. Goding announced today that Judge Joseph Fanachoor of the District Court of Yap has been named the winner of the 1963 Attorney General's Award.

The award to Judge Fanachoor was the first such award to be made. The award will hereafter be presented annually each May 1st to a Micronesian judge, lawyer, trial assistant or law enforcement officer for outstanding service to the people of Micronesia in promoting the rule of law under our Bill of Rights.

In a letter accompanying this year's award, Attorney General Robert K. Shoecraft paid tribute to Judge Fanachoor's long years of dedicated service. The Judge's efficiency, impartiality and extensive knowledge of Yapese custom were praised. Mr. Shoecraft noted that the Judge had earned the highest respect and warmest affection of all who have worked with him, both Micronesian and American.

The award will be presented to Judge Fanachoor by Mr. Roy T. Gallemore, District Administrator of Yap, during Law Day ceremonies in Colonia.