

Amyotha Hluttaw, 30 October, 2014

Only member countries propose their cultural and natural sites as world heritage

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct — A defence services representative asked the Amyotha Hluttaw on Thursday about the procedures of listing world heritage sites and ongoing arrangements for the inclusion of cultural heritage sites which are still left.

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin responded that only countries that have signed the World Heritage Convention can submit nomination proposals for their properties on their soil to be included on the World Heritage List, adding that member countries are entitled to submit one cultural site and one natural site a year.

The nomination list is to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review, which will assign a team of experts to evaluate the proposed sites.

Speaking of current undertakings of her ministry, the deputy minister said arrangements are under way to have Bagan considered for inscription on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee.

Daw Sandar Khin stressed that world heritage sites bring in national pride and national integrity as well as technical and financial assistance, thereby promoting tourism and creating job opportunities.

Another question was concerned with the possibility of giving out low-interest loans to casual labourers as in agricultural loans to farmers.

Deputy Minister for Cooperative U Than Tun said that small capitals are being disbursed to members of cooperative associations at all levels of communities, adding that plans are under way to set up new cooperative associations and organize casual labourers to become members so that they will be entitled to small loans.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will meet on 10 November. – MNA

Source: *The Global New Light of Myanmar*, 2014-10-31