

## Dear Trường Sơn Family,

Thirty five years is a long journey since a few leaders and scouts founded Liên Đoàn Trường Sơn in June 1980. "Trường Sơn", a long range of mountains that stretches across the three regions of Vietnam from North to South was chosen to name our Liên Đoàn, out of our leaders' nostalgia and longing for their motherland.

Since then, Liên Đoàn Trường Sơn grew stronger day by day, with the ideology of embracing our roots and always maintaining the principles to guide and train scouts to live by the Scout promise and Scout laws.

On this day of celebration, I would like to thank all the scout leaders who have dedicated their time and effort in building a spiritual home for many generations of leaders and scouts and in training our youth to be responsible and good citizens.

A big applause to our leaders who once were Cub Scouts, Scouts then Seniors or Venturers. Despite your busy workload and a new life, you have sacrificed your valuable time to give back to Liên Đoàn, to step up to be a scout leader following the footsteps of leaders who have come before you and to apply what you have learned and experienced to lead the younger generations.

Thank you, Parents for your enthusiastic and caring support to the leaders and scouts with many of our activities. Thank you to those who will never hesitate to help out although their children are now grown ups and are not able to participate in Liên Đoàn's activities due to work or school.

As we celebrate our 35th Anniversary, let's gather together to share our happiness as well as our sorrow, learn from each other in the spirit of solidarity so that Liên Đoàn Trường Sơn will grow stronger, and further strengthen the Scouting movement.

"Once a Scout, always a Scout"

Liên Đoàn Trường Sơn has been and will always be a home and family for our Scouts, Leaders and Parents.

Yours in Scouting, Đỗ Xuân Hương