By CALVIN YANG

THEY are more commonly seen in long-sleeved shirts and ties but, for a change, a team from National University Hospital’s (NUH) senior management decided to be superheroes yesterday.

In celebration of Nurses’ Day on Friday, 16 of them dressed up as comic-book characters like Luke Skywalker and Catwoman.

They were paying tribute to the unsung heroes and heroines of the healthcare profession – nurses.

And, like all superheroes, they had a mission to accomplish.

Dr Tyrone Goh, director of operations at the University Children’s Medical Institute, who was Batman for a day, said: “We are dressed as superheroes to pay tribute to our nurses who have been working so hard to take care of our patients. We also want them to have some fun and laughter.”

Besides recognising the dedication of NUH’s 1,900 nurses, they also encouraged patients and visitors to pen their heartfelt thanks on cards and hand them personally to these self-sacrificing individuals.

Senior nurse manager with the paediatric ward, Ms Tay Kim Ngah, said: “It is very heartwarming to see their efforts.”

Ms Tay, who has been a nurse for the past 22 years, said: “It is not a glamorous job. We have to put ourselves in the shoes of the children to know how they actually feel.

“But the most rewarding part is seeing the children get well.”