## Supporting Information

## TiO<sub>2</sub> seed-assistant growth of VO<sub>2</sub>(M) films and thermochromic performance

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**Fig. S1** Cross section FESEM images of as-prepared composite films: (a) sample I, (b) II, (c) III and (d) IV.



**Fig. S2** FESEM images of  $VO_2/TiO_2$  composite film obtained at the reaction time of (a) 0, (b) 13, (c) 16, (d) 18, (e) 21, and (f) 26 h. The insets are the optical photography of the corresponding film.



**Fig. S3** (a) XRD patterns of VO<sub>2</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> composite film obtained at the reaction time of (1) 0, (2) 13, (3) 16, (4) 18, (5) 21, and (6) 26 h, and (b) variable-temperature FT-IR spectra of the as-prepared  $VO_2/TiO_2$  composite films at reaction time of (1) 13, (2) 16, (3) 18 and (4) 21 h. The  $VO_2(B)$  diffraction peaks in curves (4) and (5) in Fig. S3a at the reaction time of 18 and 21 h is considered come from the solution that attaches on the surface of  $VO_2(D)$  film.



**Fig.S4** XRD pattern of  $TiO_2$  seed layer with [110] preferential orientation on quartz substrate. The insets are corresponding surface and cross section FESEM images.



**Fig.S5** FESEM images of VO<sub>2</sub> /TiO<sub>2</sub> composite film at the reaction time of (a) 10, (b) 10.5, (c) 11 and (d) 13 h on [110] preferential orientation rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> seed layer.



**Fig.S6** XRD patterns of  $VO_2/TiO_2$  composite film obtained at the reaction time of (1) 10, (2) 10.5, (3) 11 and (4) 13 h before (a) and after (b) annealing treatment grown on [110] preferential orientation rutile  $TiO_2$  seed layer.



**Fig. S7** Variable-temperature FT-IR spectra of  $VO_2(M)/TiO_2$  composite films before and after phase transition with the thickness of (a) 298, (b) 238, (c) 134 and (d) 98 nm.