## **Supplementary Information**

## High photodegradation efficiency of phenol by mixed-metal-organic

## frameworks

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**Fig. S1** IR spectra of TMU-5, TMU-5(Cd 15%), TMU-5(Cd 30%), TMU-7 crystals produced by conventional heating and TMU-7 powder produced by mechanosynthesis.



Fig. S2. FE-SEM images TMU-7 synthesized by mechanochemical reaction.



**Fig. S3.**  $N_2$  adsorption isotherms collected at 77 K of (a) TMU-5, (b) TMU-5(Cd15%), (c) TMU-5(Cd30%) and (d) mechanosynthesized TMU-7.



**Fig. S4.** Thermogravimetric profiles of (a) TMU-5, TMU-5(Cd 15%), TMU-5(Cd 30%) crystals produced by conventional heating and activated samples. (b) TMU-7 crystals produced by conventional heating and TMU-7 powder produced by mechanosynthesis and activated TMU-7.



Fig. S5. UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectra of the MOFs.



Fig. S6. Comparison of XRPD patterns for TMU-5(Cd 15%), TMU-5(Cd 30%) and TMU-7 after activate or immersing in  $H_2O$ .



**Fig. S7.** Effect of phenol initial concentrations in presence of TMU-5, TMU-5(Cd 30%) and TMU-7 under a) UV and b) visible light for 2 h.



**Fig. S8.** Absorption spectra of a solution of 25 ppm phenol in the presence of a) TMU-5, b) TMU-5(Cd 15%) c) TMU-5(Cd 30%) and d) TMU-7 under visible light irradiation for 120 min.



**Fig. S9.** Fuorescence spectra changes observed during UV illumination of 25 mg TMU-5(Cd 30%) in aqueous solution of terephthalic acid ( $4 \times 10^{-4}$  M). (excitation at 320 nm).



Fig. S10. Reaction kinetics of photodegradation of phenol.



Fig. S11. Change of COD removal efficiency of TMU-5(Cd 30%) photpcatalyst in presence of phenol.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement of  $[Cd_{0.15}Zn_{0.85}(oba)(4-bpdh)_{0.5}]_n.1.5DMF$ (TMU-5(Cd 15%)),  $[Cd_{0.3}Zn_{0.7}(oba)(4-bpdh)_{0.5}]_n$  (TMU-5(Cd 30%)) and  $[Cd(oba)(4-bpdh)]_n.1DMF$  (TMU-7).

| Identification code                   | TMU-5(Cd 15%)  | TMU-5(Cd 30%)                          | TMU-7   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Empirical formula                     | $C_{22.50}H_{18.50}Cd_{0.15}N_{2.50}O_{5.50}Zn_{0.85}$ | $C_{21}H_{15}Cd_{0.30}N_2O_5Zn_{0.70}$ | C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>29</sub> CdN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub> |
| Formula weight                        | 484.32   | 454.83                                 | 679.99  |
| Crystal system                        | Monoclinic   | Monoclinic                             | Monoclinic  |
| Space group                           | C2/c   | C2/c                                   | P2(1)/n   |
| Unit cell dimensions                  | a = 26.982(13) Å                                       | a = 27.221(7) Å                        | a = 9.5711(8) Å   |
|                                       | b = 8.033(4)  Å  | b = 8.1040(19) Å                       | b = 12.438(1) Å   |
|                                       | c = 23.293(12) Å                                       | c = 23.537(6) Å                        | c = 26.565(2) Å   |
|                                       | $\beta = 98.992(9)^{\circ}$                            | $\beta = 98.906(4)^{\circ}$            | $\beta = 90.493(4)^{\circ}$                                     |
| Cell volume, Å <sup>3</sup>           | 4987(4)  | 5130(2)                                | 3162.4(5)   |
| Z value                               | 8  | 8                                      | 4   |
| Density (calc.) (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | 1.290  | 1.178                                  | 1.428   |
| Absorption coefficient                | 1.004 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                 | 0.953 mm <sup>-1</sup>                 | 0.740 mm <sup>-1</sup>  |
| F(000)                                | 1982   | 1843                                   | 1384  |
| $\theta$ range for data collection    | 2.15 to 28.59°   | 2.73 to 27.50°                         | 1.81 to 26.00°  |
| Reflections collected/unique          | $15225/5969 [R_{int} = 0.0621]$                        | $15462/5813 [R_{int} = 0.0526]$        | 6510/6209 [R(int) = 0.0000]                                     |
| Max. and min. transmission            | 0.9063 and 0.8640                                      | 0.9277 and 0.6473                      | 0.9297 and 0.8367   |
| Data/restraints/parameters            | 5969/54/308  | 5813/0/272                             | 6209/26/311   |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>     | 1.079  | 0.952                                  | 1.241   |
| Final R indices (I>2.00o(I))          | $R_1 = 0.0821, wR_2 = 0.2028$                          | $R_1 = 0.0503, wR_2 = 0.1357$          | R1 = 0.0673, wR2 = 0.1545                                       |
| R indices (all data)                  | $R_1 = 0.1215$ , $wR_2 = 0.2243$                       | $R_1 = 0.0718$ , $wR_2 = 0.1432$       | R1 = 0.0700, wR2 = 0.1558                                       |
| Largest diff. Peak, hole              | 0.988 and -0.746 e.A <sup>-3</sup>                     | 0.414 and -0.411 e.A <sup>-3</sup>     | 1.170 and -1.660 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                              |

| TMU-5(Cd 15%)     |            |                      |            |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Cd(1)-N(1)        | 2.026(4)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)    | 159.62(14) |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(2)#1      | 2.028(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(5)#2    | 103.22(16) |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(1)        | 2.037(3)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(5)#2  | 87.94(17)  |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(5)#2      | 2.038(4)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(5)#2    | 87.85(16)  |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(4)#3      | 2.038(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)#3    | 97.44(16)  |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1     | 2.9305(13) | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(4)#3  | 89.57(17)  |  |  |  |
| N(1)-Zn(1)#1      | 2.026(4)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)#3    | 87.37(16)  |  |  |  |
| O(1)-Zn(1)#1      | 2.037(3)   | O(5)#2-Cd(1)-O(4)#3  | 159.31(15) |  |  |  |
| O(2)-Zn(1)#1      | 2.028(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1   | 172.58(11) |  |  |  |
| O(4)-Zn(1)#4      | 2.038(4)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1 | 85.12(10)  |  |  |  |
| O(5)-Zn(1)#5      | 2.038(4)   | O(1)-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1   | 74.55(10)  |  |  |  |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)#1 | 100.19(15) | O(5)#2-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1 | 82.03(10)  |  |  |  |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)   | 100.19(15) | O(4)#3-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1 | 77.30(11)  |  |  |  |
|                   |            | C(8)-O(3)-C(5)       | 118.6(5)   |  |  |  |
| TMU-5(Cd 30%)     |            |                      |            |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(2)#1      | 2.048(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)#2    | 97.30(14)  |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-N(1)        | 2.058(3)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(5)#3  | 88.48(14)  |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(4)#2      | 2.067(3)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(5)#3    | 103.14(15) |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(5)#3      | 2.068(3)   | O(4)#2-Cd(1)-O(5)#3  | 159.48(16) |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-O(1)        | 2.077(3)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)    | 159.04(16) |  |  |  |
| Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1     | 2.969(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)      | 100.03(15) |  |  |  |
| O(1)-Zn(1)        | 2.054(3)   | O(4)#2-Cd(1)-O(1)    | 87.12(14)  |  |  |  |

Table S2. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for TMU-5(Cd 15%), TMU-5(Cd30%) and TMU-7

| N(1)-Zn(1)          | 2.061(4)   | O(5)#3-Cd(1)-O(1) 87.69(15)    |            |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| O(2)-Zn(1)#1        | 2.071(4)   | O(2)#1-Cd(1)-Cd(1)#1           | 85.18(14)  |
| O(4)-Zn(1)#5        | 2.059(4)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1             | 171.77(16) |
| O(5)-Zn(1)#6        | 2.074(4)   | O(4)#2-Zn(1)-Cd(1)#1           | 77.10(13)  |
| O(2)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 100.91(14) | O(5)#3-Zn(1)-Cd(1)#1 82.39(13) |            |
| O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(4)#2 | 89.31(16)  | O(1)-Cd(1)-Zn(1)#1             | 73.88(11)  |
|                     |            | C(5)-O(3)-C(8) 117.9(3)        |            |
|                     | TMU        | J <b>-7</b>                    |            |
| Cd(1)-O(3)#1        | 2.239(7)   | O(4)#2-Cd(1)-N(1)              | 95.2(2)    |
| Cd(1)-O(4)#2        | 2.249(6)   | O(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)                | 89.5(2)    |
| Cd(1)-O(2)          | 2.283(6)   | O(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(4)#3            | 86.3(2)    |
| Cd(1)-N(1)          | 2.307(6)   | O(4)#2-Cd(1)-N(4)#3            | 89.4(2)    |
| Cd(1)-N(4)#3        | 2.314(6)   | O(2)-Cd(1)-N(4)#3              | 92.3(2)    |
| Cd(1)-O(1)          | 2.531(7)   | N(1)-Cd(1)-N(4)#3              | 175.0(3)   |
| O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(4)#2 | 114.5(3)   | O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)              | 98.1(3)    |
| O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)   | 152.1(3)   | O(4)#2-Cd(1)-O(1)              | 145.6(2)   |
| O(4)#2-Cd(1)-O(2)   | 93.3(2)    | O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)                | 54.3(2)    |
| O(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)   | 89.9(2)    | N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)                | 95.7(3)    |
|                     |            | C(19A)-O(5A)-C(26A)            | 116.6(15)  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms for **TMU-5(Cd 15%)**: #1 -x,-y,-z #2 x,-y+1,z-1/2 #3 -x,y-1,-z+1/2 #4 -x,y+1,-z+1/2 #5 x,-y+1,z+1/2 #6 -x+1/2,-y+3/2,-z; for **TMU-5(Cd 30%)**:#1 -x,-y+1,-z+1 #2 -x,y-1,-z+3/2 #3 x,-y+2,z-1/2 #4 -x+1/2,-y+5/2,-z+1 #5 -x,y+1,-z+3/2 #6 x,-y+2,z+1/2; for **TMU-7**: #1 -x+1/2,y-1/2,-z+1/2; #2 x+1/2,-y+3/2,z-1/2; #3 x-1,y-1,z; #4 x+1,y+1,z; #5 -x+1/2,y+1/2,-z+1/2; #6 x-1/2,-y+3/2,z+1/2.

| Photocatalysts | Order(s)                            | K <sub>1</sub> (min <sup>-1</sup> ) | R <sub>0</sub> | R <sub>1</sub> | <b>R</b> <sub>2</sub> | t <sub>1/2</sub><br>(min) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| TMU-5          | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.0147t - 0.0634$ | 0.0147                              | 0.8917         | 0.9896         | 0.9878                | 47.1                      |
| TMU-5(Cd 15%)  | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.0152t - 0.1632$ | 0.0152                              | 0.8054         | 0.9928         | 0.9728                | 45.6                      |
| TMU-5(Cd 30%)  | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.016t + 0.0211$  | 0.016                               | 0.9345         | 0.9977         | 0.9126                | 43.3                      |
| <b>TMU-7</b>   | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.0031t + 0.0028$ | 0.0031                              | 0.995          | 0.9961         | 0.9697                | 223.5                     |

**Table S3.** Kinetics equation of photocatalytic degradation of 50 ppm of phenol solution under UV light.

**Table S4.** Kinetics equation of photocatalytic degradation of 25 ppm of phenol solution under visible light.

| Photocatalysts | Order(s)                            | $K_1(min^{-1})$ | R <sub>0</sub> | <b>R</b> <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>2</sub> | t <sub>1/2</sub> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                |                                     |                 |                |                       |                | (min)            |
| TMU-5          | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.01t + 0.0241$   | 0.01            | 0.9754         | 0.9971                | 0.9689         | 69.3             |
|                |                                     |                 |                |                       |                |                  |
| TMU-5(Cd 15%)  | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.011t - 0.0516$  | 0.011           | 0.9329         | 0.9915                | 0.9896         | 63               |
| TMU-5(Cd 30%)  | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.0123t - 0.0127$ | 0.0123          | 0.9064         | 0.9876                | 0.9825         | 56.3             |
| TMU-7          | $\ln (C_t/C_0) = -0.0014t + 0.0029$ | 0.0014          | 0.995          | 0.9981                | 0.9697         | 495              |