## **Supporting information**

## Boron nitride nanotube as a heat sinking and stressrelaxation layer for high performance light-emitting diode

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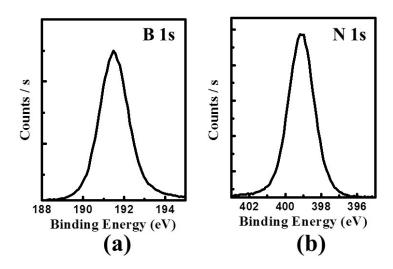
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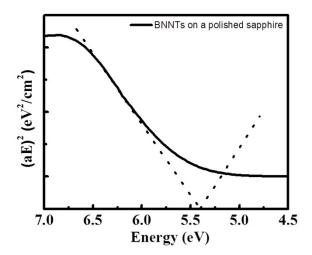
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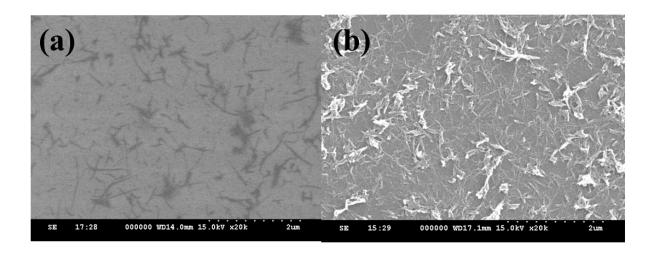
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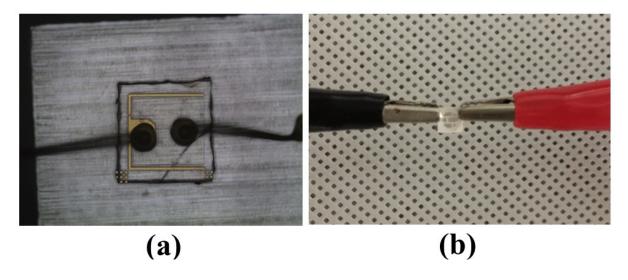
**Figure S-1.** X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra of B and N 1s core levels measured from the BNNTs.



**Figure S-2.** Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectrum is taken to investigate the optical bandgap of the BNNTs. The band gap is estimated to be 5.4 eV.



**Figure S-3.** SEM images of BNNTs formed by spin coating and spray coating methods on a sapphire substrate.



**Figure S-4.** (a) An optical image of a packaged LED chip. (b) A photography of a packaged LED chip with an alligator clip for a current injection.

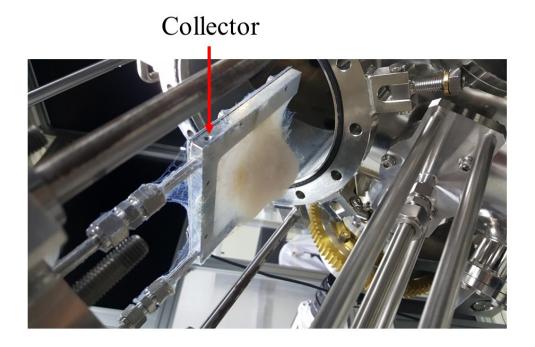


Figure S-5. (a) A photography of BNNTs synthesized at the collector

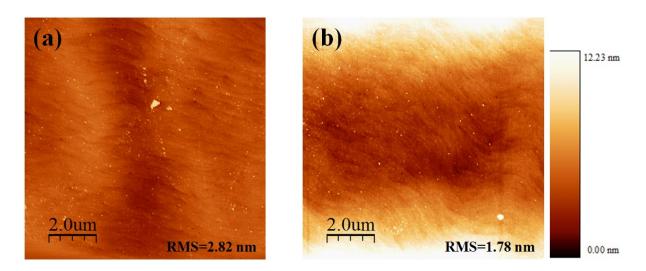


Figure S-6. (a) and (b) AFM images of GaN epilayers on SS and BSS for 10 x 10  $\mu m^2$ , respectively