## **Electronic supplementary information for**

## Molecular recognition of catechol on crystal-like surface of periodic mesoporous organosilica containing pyridinylethynylpyridine

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## General:

All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained using a Jeol ECX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. <sup>29</sup>Si dipolar decoupling (DD) and <sup>13</sup>C cross polarization (CP) magic-angle-spinning (MAS) NMR measurements were respectively performed at 79.49 and 100.6 MHz at a sample spinning frequency of 4 kHz using a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer with a 7 mm zirconia rotor. For the <sup>29</sup>Si DD MAS NMR measurements, the repetition delay was 80 s, and the pulse width was 4.5 µs. For the <sup>13</sup>C CP MAS NMR measurements, the repetition delay was 5 s, the contact time was 1.75 ms, and the pulse width was 4.5 µs (1H 90° pulse). Chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane and glycine for <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, respectively. XRD profiles were recorded on a Rigaku RINT-TTR diffractometer using Cu Kα radiation (50 kV, 300 mA). Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms were measured using a Yuasa Nova3000e sorptometer. Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface areas were calculated from the linear sections of BET plots ( $P/P_0 = 0.1-0.2$ ). Pore size distributions were calculated using the DFT method (DFT kernel: N2 at 77 K on silica, cylindrical pores, non-local density functional theory (NLDFT) equilibrium model). Pore volumes were estimated by the t-plot method. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) observations were performed using a Jeol JEM-EX2000 operating at 200 kV. IR spectra were collected on a Thermo Fisher Scientific Nicolet Avatar-360 FT-IR spectrometer using an attenuated total reflection (ATR) attachment. UV/vis absorption spectra were obtained using a Jasco V-670.

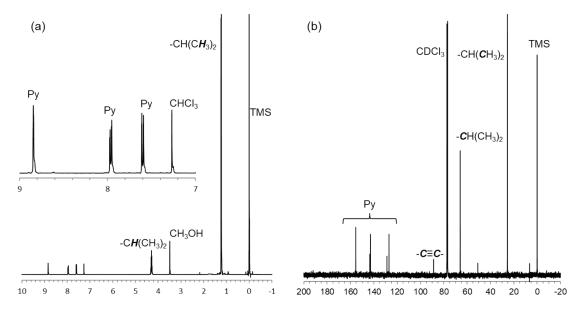


Fig. S1 (a)  $^{1}$ H and (b)  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of **PEPy-Si** monomer.

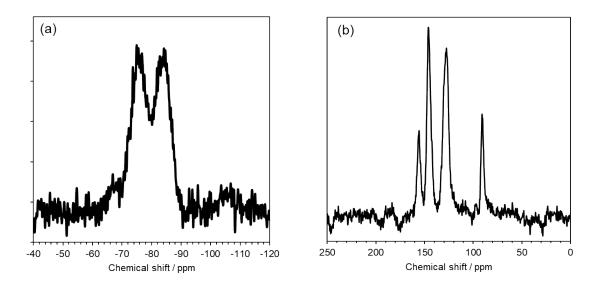


Fig. S2 (a) <sup>29</sup>Si DD MAS and (b) <sup>13</sup>C CP-MAS NMR spectra of PEPy-PMO.

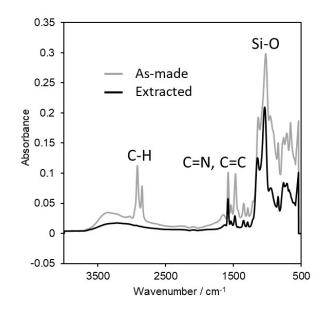


Fig. S3 IR spectra of PEPy-PMO.

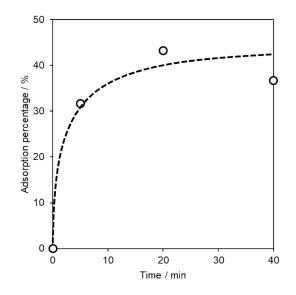


Fig. S4 Adsorption profile of catechol 1 by adding PEPy-PMO in a mixture of  $Et_2O$  and hexane.

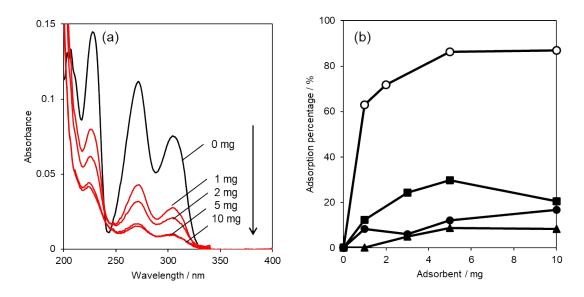


Fig. S5 (a) Changes in the UV/vis spectra of catechol **2** ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in a mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane by adding PEPy-PMO. (b) Adsorption percentage of catechol **2** by adding PEPy-PMO ( $\circ$ ), BPy-PMO ( $\bullet$ ), and FSM-16 ( $\blacktriangle$ ) using 0-10 mg of adsorbent.

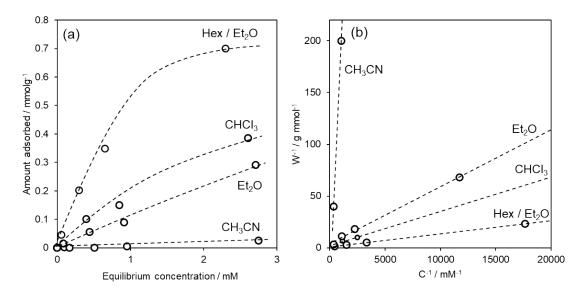


Fig. S6 (a) Langmuir non-linear and (b) linear plots obtained from the adsorption of catechol 1 with PEPy-PMO in various organic solvents. The dashed lines indicate the theoretical profiles.

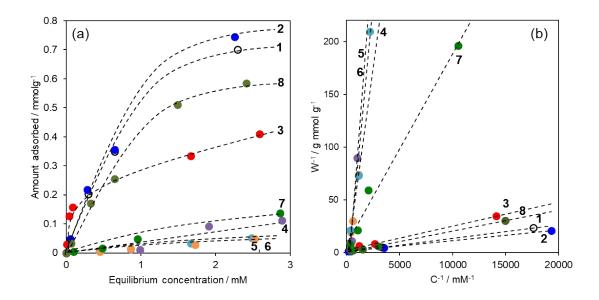


Fig. S7 (a) Langmuir non-linear and (b) linear plots obtained from the adsorption of catechols and its derivatives 1-8 with PEPy-PMO in a mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane. The dashed lines indicate the theoretical profiles.

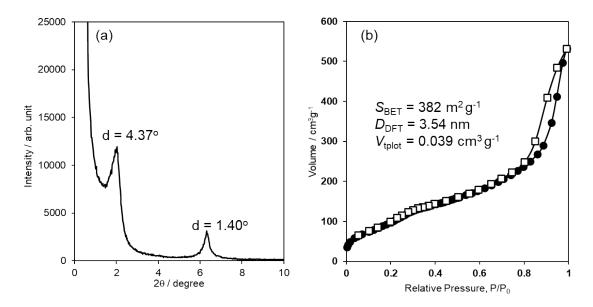


Fig. S8 XRD pattern and  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms of Cate@PMO.

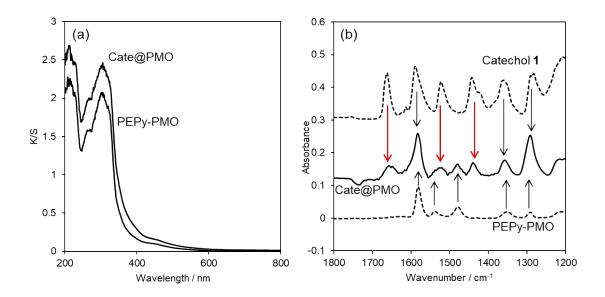


Fig. S9 (a) UV/vis diffuse reflectance and (b) FT-IR spectra of Cate@PMO. Red arrows indicated the C=C stretching vibration peaks of catechol adsorbed in Cate@PMO.

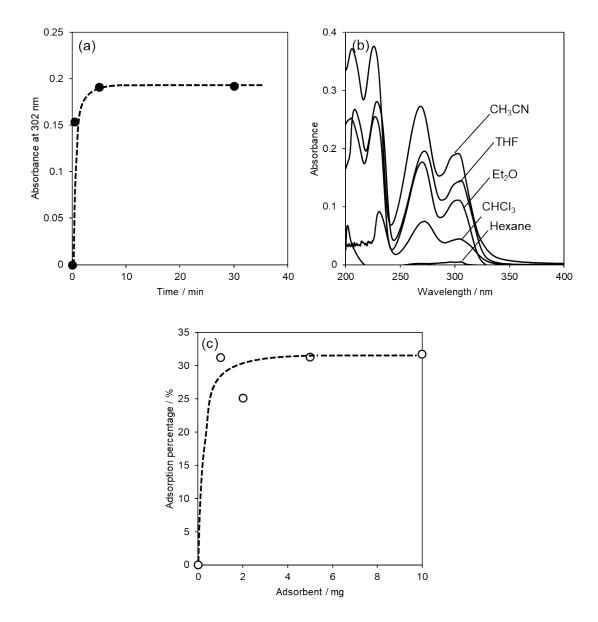


Fig. S10 (a) Release profile of catechol 1 by immersing Cate@PMO (1 mg) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 mL). (b) UV/vis absorption spectra of released catechol 1 from Cate@PMO (1 mg) in various organic solvents (1 mL). (c) Adsorption percentages for catechol 1 ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in a mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane by adding recovered PEPy-PMO (1 - 10 mg).

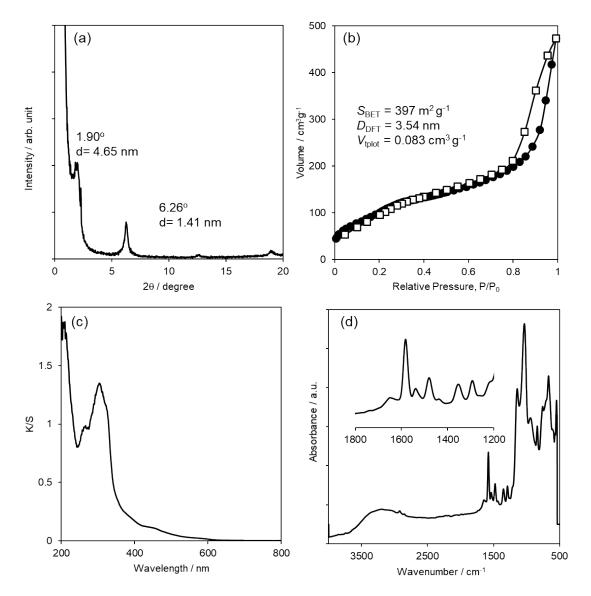


Fig. S11 (a) XRD pattern, (b)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms, (c) UV/vis diffuse reflectance spectrum, and (d) FT-IR spectrum of PEPy-PMO after releasing catechol.

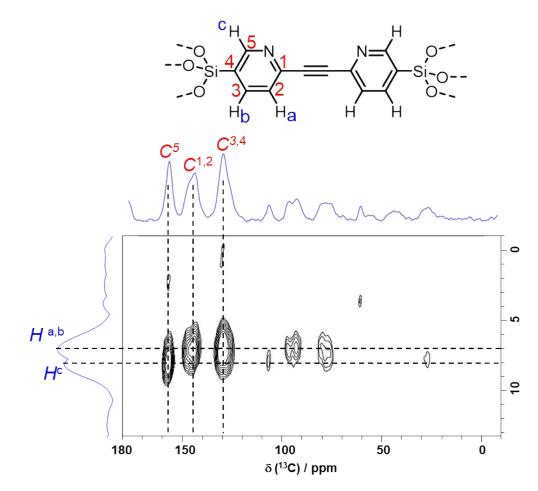


Fig. S12 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HETCOR MAS NMR spectrum of PEPy-PMO.

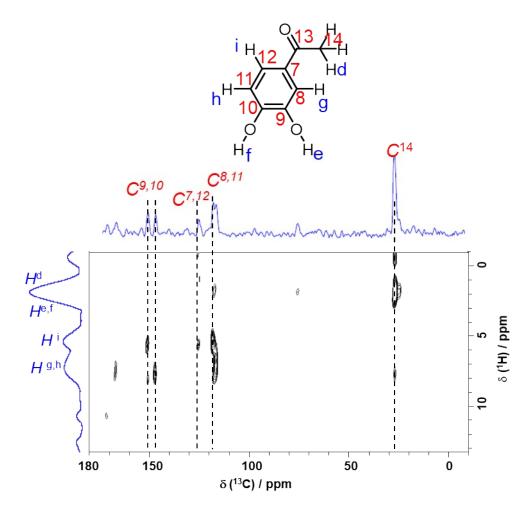


Fig. S13 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HETCOR MAS NMR spectrum of catechol 1.

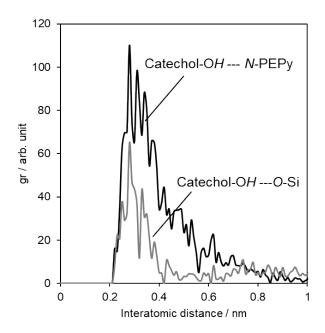


Fig. S14 Radial distribution function (gr) of the interatomic distance between the OH of catechol 1 and the N atom of PEPy (black) or OH of silanol (gray).

Table S1 Energy and population of the interaction between catechol 1 and PEPy in the MD simulation.<sup>[a]</sup>

	Energy / kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>		Population / %
	Coulomb	VDW	
Catechol-OHN-PEPy	-1.59	0.03	10.4
Catechol-OHO-Si	1 20	0.02	4.1
(Catechol-OHO-Si)	-1.39	0.03	4.1
Solvent-OHO-Si	-0.27	0.00	2.0

[a] Diffusion coefficient is  $0.38 \times 10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.