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Supporting Information

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Supplementary Figures

Cyclopentanol(C₅H₁₀O): colorless liquid, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.31 (s, 1H, OH), 1.97 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 4H, CH₂).



Original DETA was purified by distillation under reduced pressure. For the purified DETA, no impurities could be found in 1H NMR.

Diethylenetriamine (C4H13N3): colorless liquid, 1H NMR (600 MHz, D2O) δ 2.76 - 2.69 (t, 4H, CH2), 2.67-2.60 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H, CH2).

Diethylenetriamine (C4H13N3): colorless liquid,1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3) δ 2.80 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 4H, CH2), 2.68 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 4H, CH2), 1.20 (s, 5H, NH).



Figure S2 The ¹H NMR spectra of purified DETA in (a) D_2O and (b) $CDCl_3$



Figure S3 Comparison of fluorescence and UV absorptionbetween two samples prepared by DETA/CPA and DETA/pentanol at the same concentration of 0.5 wt%. These results verified the decisive role of the micelles constructed by CPA

Systems	ABS	Peak area	≈ QY / %
DETA/pentanol			0
EDA/CPA	0.08	71075	3
DETA/CPA	0.39	595954	23
TETA/CPA	0.43	710562	28
TEPA/CPA	0.46	732724	29
PEPA/CPA	0.35	644134	26
PEI/CPA	0.15	454919	19

Table. S1 Quantum yields (QY) measurements



Figure S4 SEM images of the micelles in the mixtures of DETA/CPA at 0.5 wt%. The typical images show the morphology and size distribution of micelles



Figure S5 the image of onion cell and stained cotton fibers



Figure S6 Spectra of fluorescence, UV absorption of ethylenediamine (EDA), diethylenetriamine(DETA), triethylenetetramine(TETA), tetraethylene pentamine (TEPA), polyethylene polyamine (PEPA) and polyethylenimine (PEI) dispersed in CPA with a concentration of 0.5 wt%, respectively.



Figure S7 Fluorescence decay curves of typical samples

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	Fix Value / ns	Std. Dev / ns	Fix	Value	Std. Dev	Rel %
1	C1 🔲 3.8603	0.03649	B1 🗌	3419.312	22.3400	90.75
1	12.1209	1.20563	B2	111.045	23.8105	9.25
1	F3 🔲		B3 🗌			
1	C4 🗌		B4 🗌			
			A 🗌	22.325		
Γ			χ^{2} :	1.034		
	Fix Value / ns	Std. Dev / ns	Fix	Value	Std. Dev	Rel %
1	G1 🔲 3.5030	0.42247	B1	1095.743	323.1508	27.75
1	6.2527	0.32271	B2	1598.104	331.9621	72.25
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Figure S8 Screenshot of fluorescence lifetime test for typical samples: a) DETA/CPA, b) TETA/CPA

Systems	Excited state lifetime (ns)			
Systems	τ_1	τ_2	τ_{ave}	χ2
DETA/CPA	3.86	12.12	4.62	1.034
TETA/CPA	3.50	6.25	5.49	0.992

Table. S2 The excited state lifetime and average lifetime of typical samples

Table. S3 The radiative and non-radiative rates of typical samples

Systems	QY / %	$\tau_{ave}(ns)$	$Kr(s^{\text{-}1}) = QY / \tau_{ave} \Box$	$Knr(s^{-1})=(1-QY)/\tau_{ave}$
DETA/CPA	23	4.62	4.98×10 ⁷	1.667×10^{8}
TETA/CPA	28	5.49	5.10×10 ⁷	1.311×10^{8}



Figure S9 (a) The difference of fluorescence change about DETA/CPA in the presence of various metal ions. (b) Fluorescence intensities of DETA/CPA with presence of individual metal ion solutions (black column), and coexistence of Fe^{3+} ion with other metal ions (red column). (c) Fluorescence change of DETA/CPA with different Fe^{3+} concentrations from 0 to 1 mM. (insert: The function of fluorescence change (F/F0) of DETA/CPA on theconcentration of Fe^{3+} ions ranging from 0 to 1 mM).