## **Supplementary Information**

## Design, synthesis and photovoltaic properties of a new D- $\pi$ -A polymer with extended $\pi$ -bridge units

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Figure S1 the DSC plot of PBDTT-DTTBT

D:A ratio	<i>V</i> <sub>oc</sub> (V)	$\frac{\boldsymbol{J}_{sc}}{(\mathrm{mA/cm}^2)}$	FF (%)	PCE (%)
1	0.79	13.93	54.1	5.95
2	0.78	13.78	56.0	6.02
3	0.79	14.30	51.7	5.83
4	0.79	13.21	52.2	5.77
5	0.79	12.88	58.7	5.97
6	0.80	11.79	60.6	5.72
7	0.78	12.37	62.2	6.00
8	0.78	12.46	62.0	6.03

(1:1, w:w) under illumination of AM 1.5G, 100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Table S1. Photovoltaic properties of the PSCs based on PBDTT-DTTBT/PC70BM



**Figure S2.** *J-V* curves of the polymer solar cells based on **PBDTT-DTTBT**/PC<sub>70</sub>BM(w:w,1:1) under illumination of AM 1.5G, 100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure S3.** AFM topography images (a) and phase contrast images (b) of **PBDTT-DTBT** /PC<sub>70</sub>BM (w/w, 1:1) film