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## Supporting Information

Branched hierarchical photoanode of anatase  $TiO_2$  nanotubes on rutile  $TiO_2$  nanorod arrays for efficient quantum dot-sensitized solar cells

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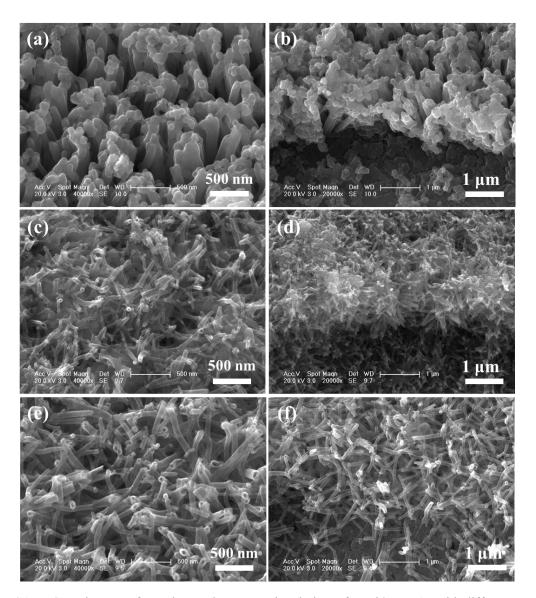


Fig. S1. FESEM images of top view and cross-sectional view of H-TiO $_2$  NRAs with different hydrothermal growth of ZnO nanorod templates for 1 h (a,b), 4 h (c,d) and 6 h (e,f).

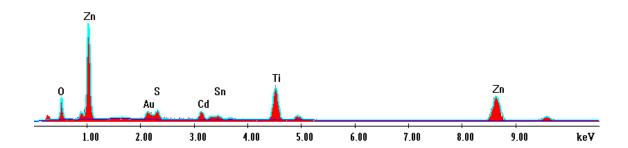


Fig. S2. EDX spectrum of CdS QD-sensitized branched ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> NRAs.

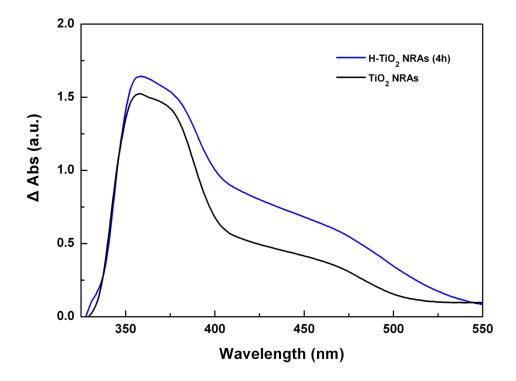
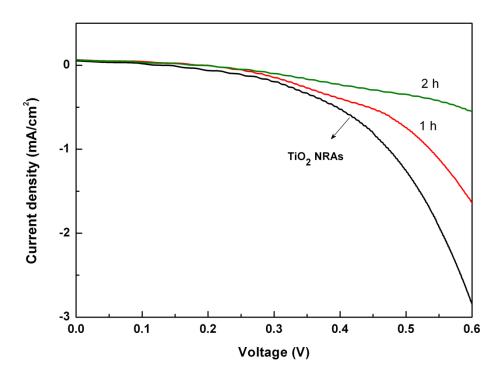


Fig. S3. The optical absorbance of CdS QDs at different electrodes.

By subtracting the electrode effect from QDs-sensitized  $TiO_2$  samples (From Figure 4 in main manuscript), we can deduce the optical absorbance value of only CdS QDs ( $\Delta$  Abs). From Figure S3, high absorbance value has been observed at H-TiO<sub>2</sub> NRAs, which indicates that higher loading of QDs in this electrode compare to  $TiO_2$  NR electrode.



**Fig. S4.** Dark current-voltage curves of QDSCs assembled with TiO<sub>2</sub> NRAs and H-TiO<sub>2</sub> NRAs with various time.

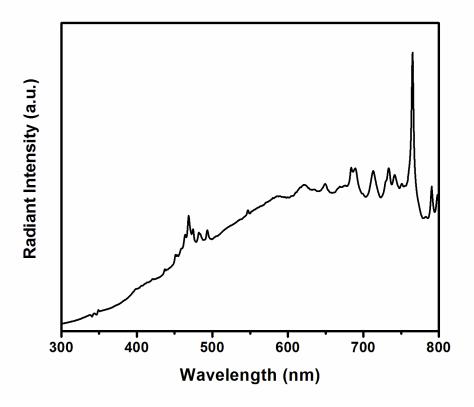


Fig. S5. The spectrum of Xe lamp used in our experiments.