Supporting information for

Ion induced cycle opening of a diarylethene and its application on visual detection

of Cu²⁺ and Hg²⁺ and keypad lock

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Fig. S 1 Fluorescence spectra of o-PBC solutions added different metal ions.



Fig. S 2 Emission intensity changes of PBC acetonitrile solution (1.0×10⁻⁵ mol L⁻¹) at 452 nm in PSS in the presence

of respective metal ions (20 equiv.) at room temperature. F0: initial emission intensity of PBC; F: emission intensity

of PBC in the presence of metal ions(20 equiv.).



Fig. S 3 Color change of crystal $\ensuremath{\textbf{PBC}}$ before (A) and after(B)UV light irradiation.



Fig. S 4 Fluorescence emission output of compound PBC corresponding to six possible input combinations at 480 nm



Fig. S 5 Generic display report of HRMS for PBC-Cu-NO₃



Fig. S 6 Generic display report of HRMS for PBC-Hg-NO₃



Fig. S 7 IR spectrum of 2-bromo-5-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoic acid(2)







Fig. S 9¹³C NMR spectrum of 2-bromo-5-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoic acid(2)



Fig. S 10 HRMS spectrum of 2-bromo-5-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoic acid(2)



Fig. S 11 IR spectrum of methyl 4-bromo-3-(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl)benzoate(3)





Fig. S 12 ¹H NMR spectrum of methyl 4-bromo-3-(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl)benzoate(3)



Fig. S 13 ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl 4-bromo-3-(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl)benzoate(3)

Fig. S 14 MS spectrum of methyl 4-bromo-3-(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl)benzoate(3)



Fig. S15 IR spectrum of 2,2'-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl) biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate(4).



Fig. S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of 2,2'-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl) biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate(4).



Fig. S17 ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2,2'-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl) biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate(4).

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Fig. S18 Mass spectrum of 2,2'-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carbonyl) biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate(4).



Fig. S19 IR spectrum of dimethyl 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylate(5).



Fig. S20 ¹H NMR spectrum of dimethyl 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylate(**5**). As the parallel and anti-parallel form couldn't be isolated, the proton of thiophene shows two peaks at 6.2 -6.4 ppm and the integral is almost equal. It indicated that the quantity

of parallel form is equal to anti- parallel form.



Fig. S21 ¹³C NMR of dimethyl 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylate(5).

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Fig. S22 Mass spectrum of dimethyl 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylate(5).



Fig. S23 IR spectrum of 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylic acid(6).



Fig. S24 ¹H NMR spectrum of 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylic acid(6).



Fig. S25¹³C NMR spectrum of 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylic acid(6).

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Fig. S26 Mass spectrum of 9, 10-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)phenanthrene-2,7-dicarboxylic acid(6).



Fig. S 27 ¹H NMR spectrum of **PBC**



Fig. S 28 ¹³C NMR spectrum of PBC



Fig. S 29 HRMS spectrum of PBC