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Highly stable Au/Pd @mesoporous SiO<sub>2</sub> yolk-shell hetero-nanostructures

for plasmon-enhanced visible light driven catalytic reaction

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**Figure S1.** (a) High resolution TEM images of Au/Pd@m-SiO<sub>2</sub> yolk-shell particle, (b) and (c) enlarge image of the square region in (a).



Figure S2. The XPS spectra of Au 4f of Au@ m-SiO<sub>2</sub> and Au/Pd@m-SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S3.** Time dependent UV-vis absorption spectra of the reduction of 4-nitrophenol by NaBH<sub>4</sub> in the presence of Au/Pd@m-SiO<sub>2</sub> yolk shell NPs at 5°C.



**Figure S4.** Time dependent UV-vis absorption spectra of the reduction of 4-nitrophenol by NaBH<sub>4</sub> in the presence of Au@m-SiO<sub>2</sub> yolk-shell NPs at various conditions.



**Figure S5.** Time dependent UV-vis absorption spectra and Kinetic linear fitting curves for the reduction of 4-NP by  $NaBH_4$  in the presence of Au/Pd without m-SiO<sub>2</sub> NPs at various conditions.



**Figure S6.** TEM images of a)Au/Pd@m-SiO<sub>2</sub> yolk-shell NPs after 10 cycles and b) Au/Pd without m-SiO<sub>2</sub> after 3 cycles.