## Supplementary material

3D porous vanadium nitride nanoribbon/reduced oxide graphene composite as a highefficiency counter electrode for dye-sensitized solar cells

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Table S1 Photovoltaic parameters of DSCs with metal selenide counter electrodes

Counter electrode	$V_{oc}(V)$	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	η (%)	Ref.
Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se	0.738	16.98	0.75	9.4	[22]
Pt	0.738	16.03	0.73	8.64	
$CoSe_2$	0.753	18.55	0.73	10.20	[S1]
Pt	0.724	15.89	0.71	8.17	
NiSe <sub>2</sub>	0.734	15.94	0.74	8.69	[23]
	0.731	15.26	0.72	8.04	

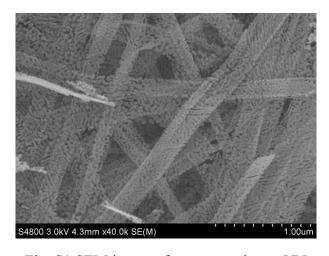


Fig. S1 SEM image of as-prepared pure VN

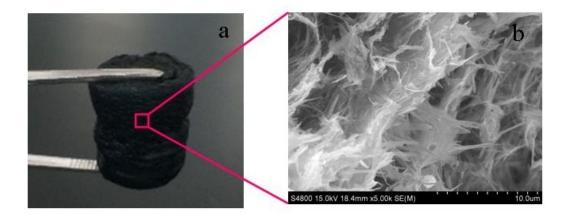


Fig. S2 Photograph (a) and SEM image (b) of as-prepared vanadium oxide nanoribbons/reduced graphene oxide composite.

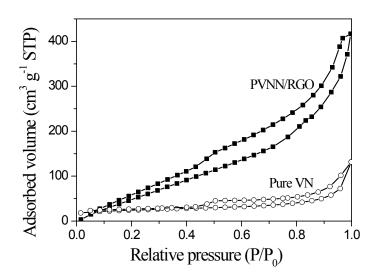


Fig. S3 Nitrogen Adsorption-desorption isotherms of PVVN/RGO and pure VN samples. The BET surface area of as-prepared pure VN determined from desorption branch is  $80.7~{\rm m}^2~{\rm g}^{\text{-1}}$ .

## References

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