## **Supporting information**

Low-temperature selective catalytic reduction of  $NO_x$  with  $NH_3$  over activated carbon-carbon nanotubes composite material prepared by *in-situ* method

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## Figures



Fig. S1. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of prepared samples.

The XRD patterns of AC, AC-CNTs Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs were exhibited in Fig. S2. The wide diffraction peaks locating at 20-30 ° of graphite (002) were reflected the existence of graphite crystallite with layered structure (JCPDS 26-1079). The typical peaks of Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs at

 $2\theta = 28.6^{\circ}, 47.5^{\circ}$  and 56.3° corresponded to CeO<sub>2</sub> (JCPDS 34-0394)<sup>1</sup>.



Fig. S2. XRD patterns AC, AC-CNTs, Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs.



Fig. S3. NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD profiles of Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs.



Fig. S4. XPS spectra of O 1s over the Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs.

The Ce 3d spectra (Fig. S5) of Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs can be separated into eight well-resolved bands, which could be classified into two groups of spin-orbital multiplets, denoted as "u" and "v", respectively <sup>2</sup>. The u' band are resulted from Ce<sup>3+</sup> ions, while the v' bands are related to Ce<sup>4+</sup> ions <sup>3, 4</sup>, revealing the coexistence of Ce<sup>3+</sup> and Ce<sup>4+</sup> states in catalysts.



Fig. S5. XPS spectra of Ce 3d over the Ce/AC and Ce/AC-CNTs.



Fig. S6. SO<sub>2</sub> tolerance and water-resistance of Ce/AC over time.



Fig. S7. SO<sub>2</sub> tolerance and water-resistance of Ce/AC-CNTs over time.

## Tables

Table S1 Concentration of Ni found in bulk (by ICP) and surface (by XPS) of catalysts.

| sample     | ICP (%) | XPS (%) |
|------------|---------|---------|
| AC-CNTs    | 9.25    | 0.81    |
| Ce/AC-CNTs | 9.28    | 0.88    |

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