## **Supporting Information**



Figure S1. View of the substituted benzoate coordination modes



Figure S2. FT-IR spectra for Ti-MB, Ti-DTBB, Ti-MOB and Ti-MDNB



Figure S3. The experimental and simulated PXRD patterns for Ti-MB. The top is the experimental pattern, and the bottom is the simulated one.



Figure S4. The experimental and simulated PXRD patterns for Ti-DTBB. The top is the experimental pattern, and the bottom is the simulated one.



Figure S5. The experimental and simulated PXRD patterns for Ti-MOB. The top is the experimental pattern, and the bottom is the simulated one.



Figure S6. The experimental and simulated PXRD patterns for Ti-MDNB. The top is the experimental pattern, and the bottom is the simulated one.



Figure S7. Kubelka-Munk transformation of diffuse reflectance data for for Ti-MB, Ti-DTBB, Ti-MOB and Ti-MDNB



Chart S1. The chemical structure of RhB



Figure S8. The temporal UV-vis absorption spectrum changes of RhB aqueous solutions for Ti-MDNB, Ti-DTBB and Ti-MB.



Figure S9. The PXRD patterns of Ti-MB before and after photocatalytic RhB degradation



Figure S10. The PXRD patterns of Ti-DTBB before and after photocatalytic RhB degradation



Figure S11. The PXRD patterns of Ti-MOB before and after photocatalytic RhB degradation



Figure S12. The PXRD patterns of Ti-MDNB before and after photocatalytic RhB degradation



Figure S13. Degradation rate of RhB for Ti-MOB, Ti-MDNB, Ti-DTBB and Ti-MB.



**Figure S14.** Photographs showing the different degradation efficiencies of RhB aqueous solutions (A: initial RhB aqueous solutions; B: in the absence of **Ti-MOB** after the irradiation of 100 min; C: in the presence of **Ti-MOB** after the irradiation of 100 min)



Figure S15. The possible photocatalytic degradation mechanism of RhB over Ti-L