## **Supplementary Information**

## Development of a unique $Ni^{\delta+}$ (0< $\delta$ <2) in $NiMoP/Al_2O_3$ catalyst for dry reforming of methane

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## **Results**

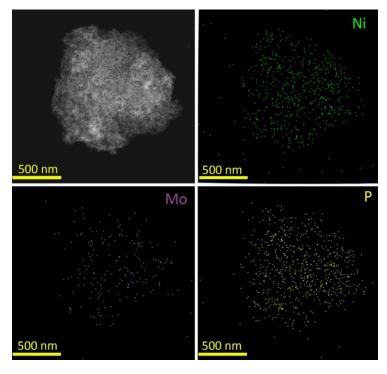


Fig. S1 EDS-mapping images of 1.86NiMoP catalyst.

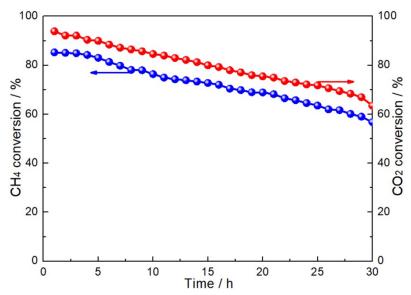
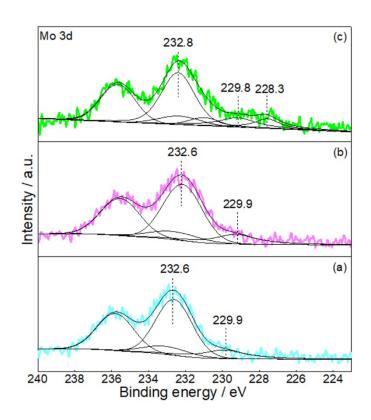
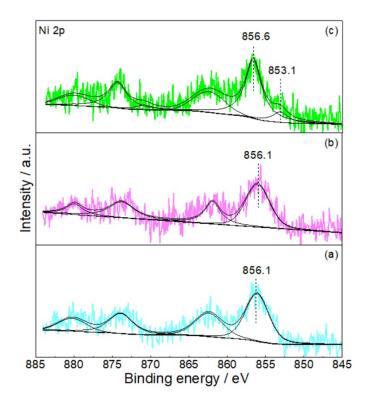


Fig. S2 Time dependence of catalytic performance over 1.86NiMo catalyst at various reaction temperatures. Reaction conditions:  $CH_4:CO_2=1:1$ ,  $WHSV=24000~cm^3~g^{-1}~h^{-1}$ , reaction pressure=1 atm, reaction temperature=750 °C.





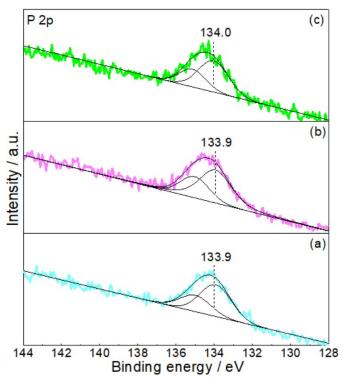


Fig. S3 XPS spectra of Mo 3d, Ni 2P and P 2p (a) 1.86NiMoP-650, (b) 1.86NiMoP-700 and (c) 1.86NiMoP-750.