Supporting Information

In situ Fabrication of α-Bi₂O₃/(BiO)₂CO₃ Nano-Plate Heterojunctions with Tunable Optical Properties and Photocatalytic Activity

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Supplementary figures



Figure S1 TGA profiles of (BiO)₂CO₃ powders in air flow.



Figure S2 XPS survey spectra of the samples.



Figure S3 (a) UV–visible diffuse reflectance spectra of the as-prepared samples and the mechanical mixture composed of 54.99% (BiO)₂CO₃ and 45.01% Bi₂O₃. (b) Plots of $(\alpha hv)^{1/2}$ versus energy (*hv*) for the as-prepared samples.



Figure S4 Photocatalytic activities of (BiO)₂CO₃, BOC-400, BOC-450, Bi₂O₃ and physical mixture under visible light irradiation for NO removal.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1 Results of Carbon and (BiO)₂CO₃ contents in all samples

	(BiO) ₂ CO ₃	BOC-400	BOC-450	Bi ₂ O ₃	
Elemental analysis C (%) found	2.342	1.137	1.027	0.124	
Stoichiometry C (%)	2.353	—	—	0.000	
(BiO) ₂ CO ₃ (%) calculated from elemental analysis	99.530	54.990	43.600	5.300	

Table S2 Results of BET Surface Are	ea and IC
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Samples	BET Surface Area (m ² /g)	NO ₂ - (μg/g)	NO3 ⁻ (μg/g)
(BiO) ₂ CO ₃	1.93	5.3558	81.9841
BOC-400	4.32	9.8051	230.9105
BOC-450	0.96	5.4512	136.0915
Bi ₂ O ₃	0.66	18.1312	100.4016
Mechanical mixture	1. 25	_	