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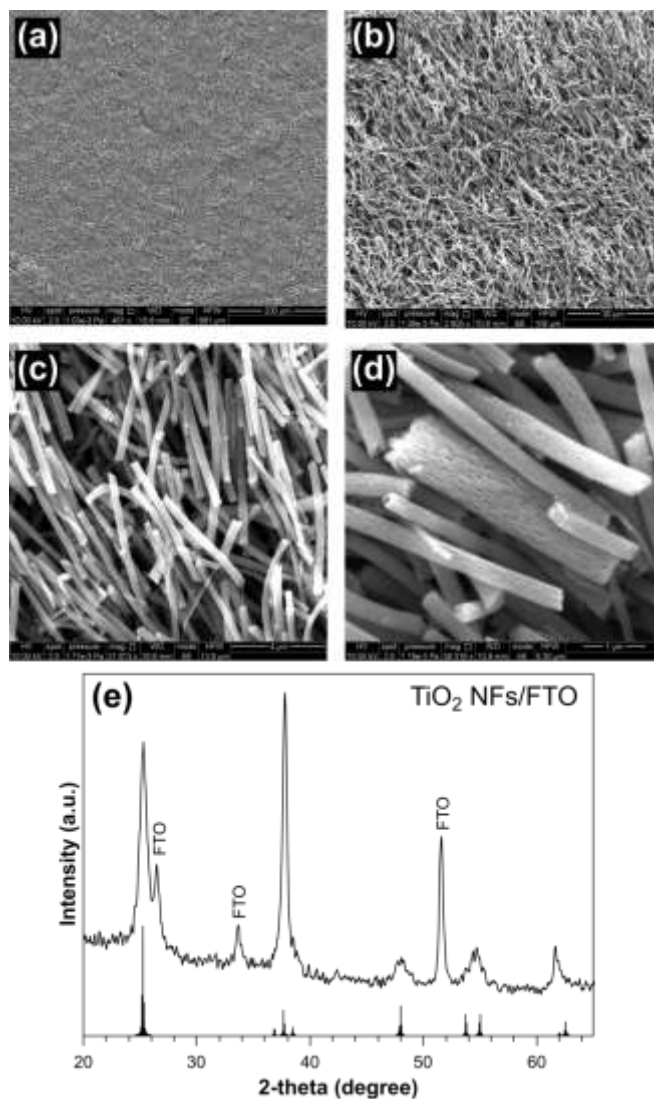


Figure S1. (a-d) SEM images of the electrospun TiO₂ NFs. (e) XRD pattern of TiO₂ NFs on FTO confirming the anatase phase with reference to 9853-ICSD.

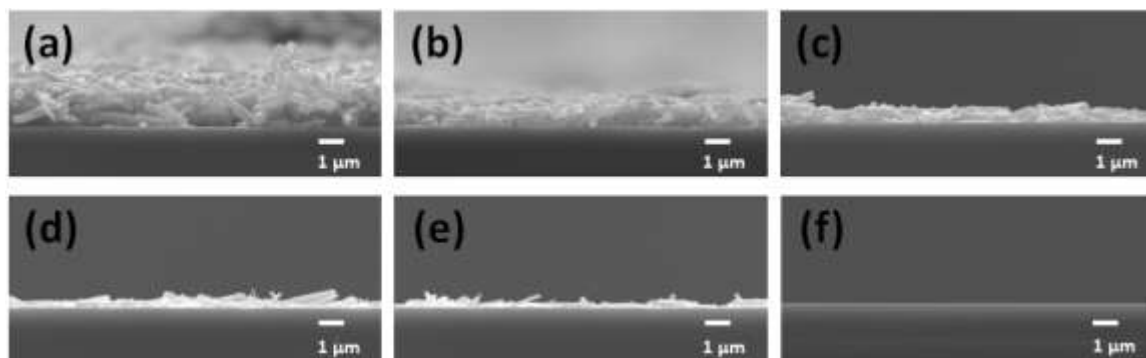


Figure S2. Cross sectional SEM images of TiO₂ NF photoelectrodes with the thickness of (a) ~2200 nm, (b) ~1300 nm, (c) ~580 nm, (d) ~400 nm, (e) ~285 nm and (f) 0 nm (planar).

Table S1. PV parameters of best performing PSCs fabricated with different TiO₂ NF thicknesses based photoelectrodes (extracted from the J - V characteristics reported in Figure 2a). The thicknesses of TiO₂ NF films for the fabrication of PSC devices are illustrated in Figure S2. The average PCEs of the cells were calculated based on at least five identical devices.

TiO ₂ NFs thickness	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	PCE (%)	Average PCE (%)
2200 nm	11.58	0.75	0.58	5.01	4.77 ± 0.27
1300 nm	13.19	0.77	0.61	6.13	5.50 ± 0.47
580 nm	15.55	0.84	0.58	7.54	7.21 ± 0.36
400 nm	15.91	0.87	0.62	8.56	8.21 ± 0.46
285 nm	14.86	0.87	0.62	8.07	7.74 ± 0.44
0 nm (planar)	12.87	0.94	0.58	7.02	6.70 ± 0.44

Table S2. PV parameters of best performing PSC devices fabricated with different types of CNTs incorporated TiO₂ NF photoelectrodes (extracted from the J - V characteristics reported in Figure 2b). ~400 nm TiO₂ NF films were chosen for these cells. The concentration of CNTs in the TiO₂ NF-CNT hybrid was 0.02 wt%. The average PCEs of the cells were calculated based on at least five identical devices.

Device	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	PCE (%)	Average PCE (%)
TiO ₂ NFs-only	15.91	0.87	0.62	8.56	8.21 ± 0.46
TiO ₂ NFs-DWCNTs	16.71	0.88	0.62	9.04	8.81 ± 0.20
TiO ₂ NFs-MWCNTs	17.07	0.86	0.62	9.08	8.97 ± 0.15
TiO ₂ NFs-SWCNTs	17.20	0.93	0.62	9.91	9.69 ± 0.23

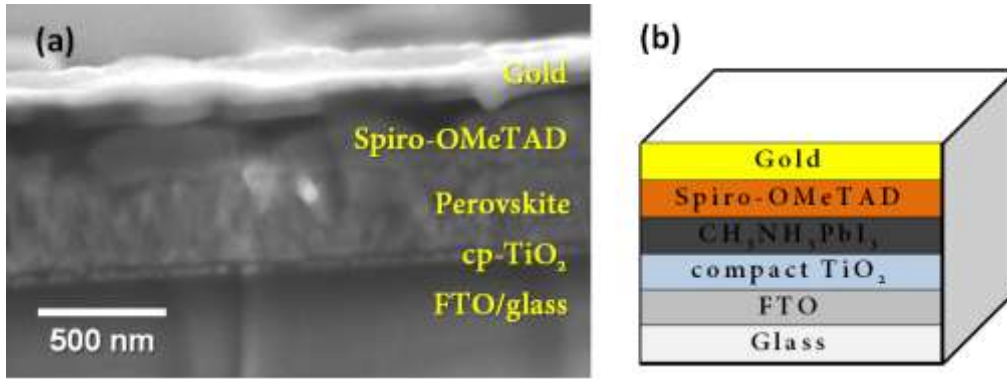


Figure S3. (a) Cross sectional SEM image and (b) schematic illustration of the planar PSC device structure.

The measurement of sheet resistance (R_s) of the TiO_2 NF-SWCNT thin films (on glass substrate) was carried out using a four point probe to investigate the mechanism of enhancement in the J_{sc} value of the devices. As shown in Figure S4, the R_s of TiO_2 NF films decreased gradually with increasing concentration of SWCNTs. This decrease in the R_s of the films is attributed to the high conductivity of SWCNTs that decreases the interfacial resistance between TiO_2 NFs.

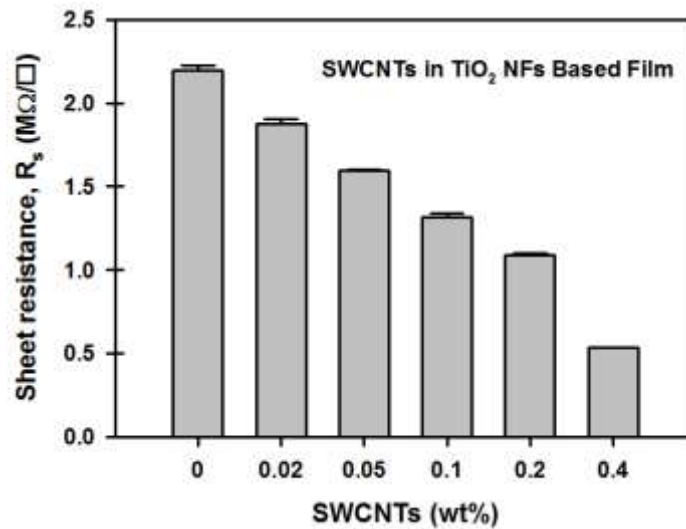


Figure S4. R_s of the TiO_2 NF films with various SWCNT loadings. Error bars are calculated from five different measurements.

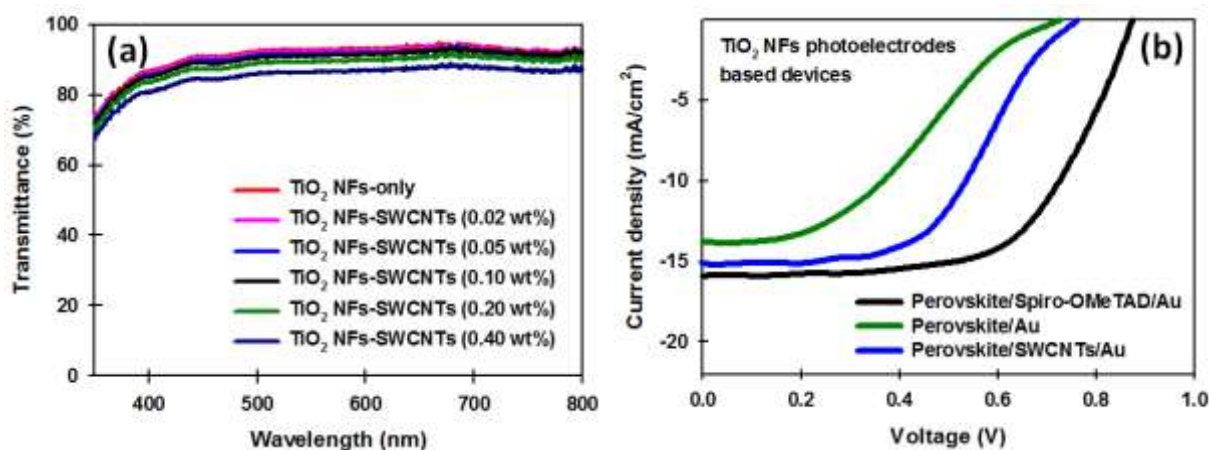


Figure S5. (a) Optical transmittance of the TiO₂ NF based films with different concentrations of SWCNTs. (b) J - V curves of TiO₂ NF-only photoelectrodes based PSCs with different hole transporting materials (HTMs).

Table S3. PV parameters of PSCs with and without SWCNTs in the photoelectrodes measured at forward and reverse J - V scans.

Device	Scan direction	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	PCE (%)
TiO ₂ NFs-only	Forward	14.96	0.87	0.52	6.78
	Reverse	15.38	0.87	0.61	8.16
TiO ₂ NFs-SWCNTs	Forward	18.76	0.92	0.57	9.86
	Reverse	18.89	0.93	0.64	11.44

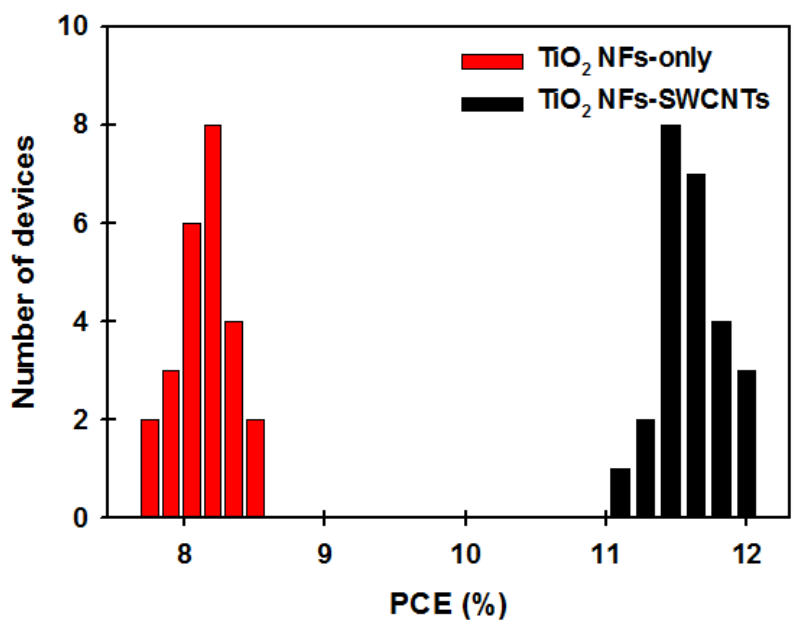


Figure S6. Histograms of PCE for the TiO₂ NFs-only and TiO₂ NF-SWCNT PSCs (measurement of 25 cells for each device structure).

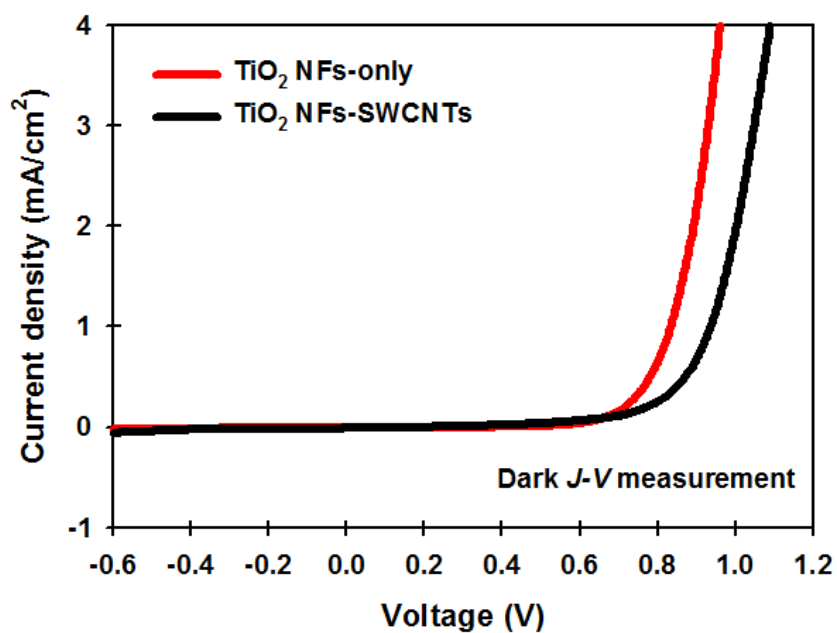


Figure S7. Dark *J-V* curves of PSCs fabricated based on TiO₂ NFs-only and TiO₂ NFs-SWCNTs photoelectrodes.

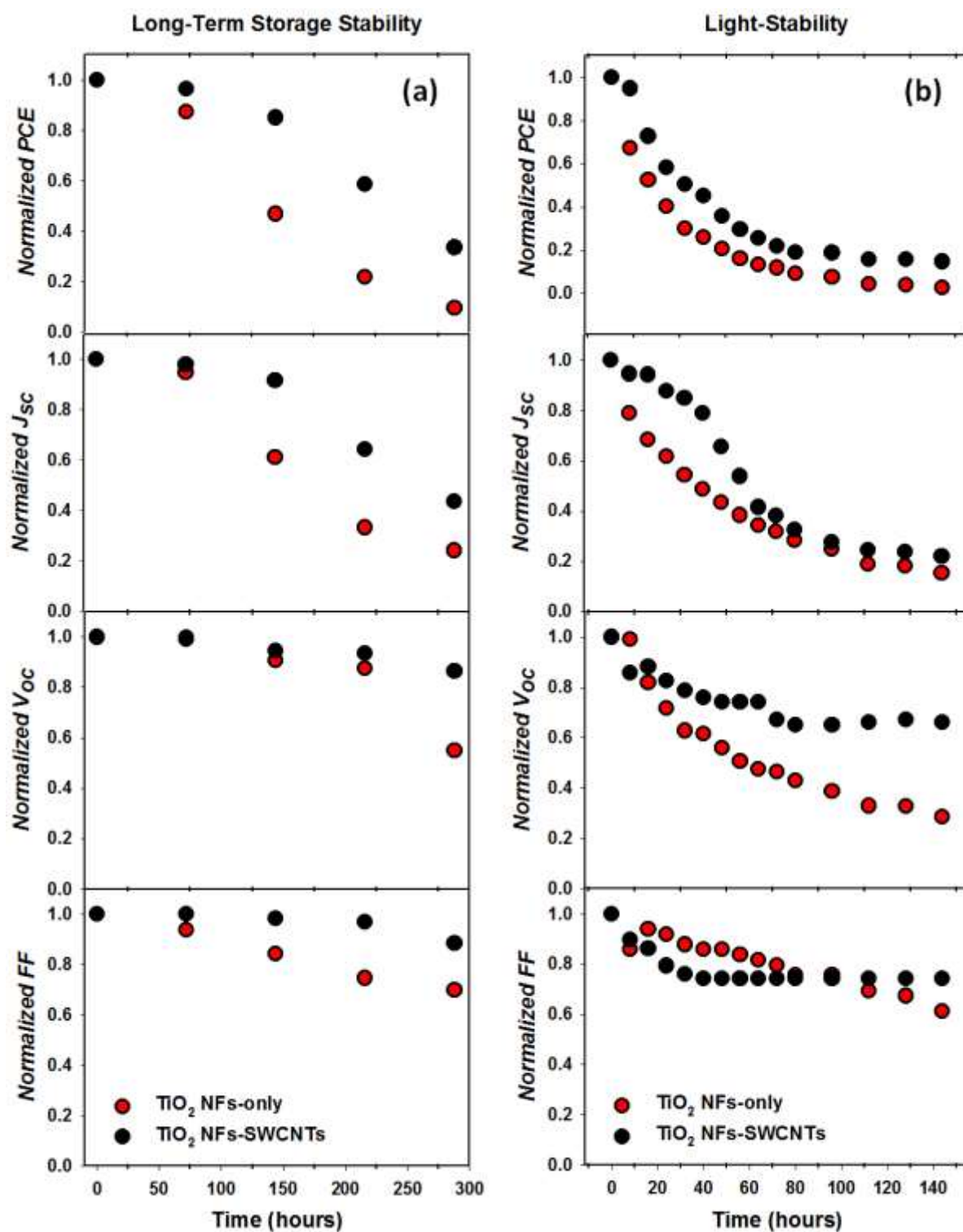


Figure S8. (a) Long-term storage- and (b) light-stability of the PSCs fabricated with and without SWCNTs in the TiO_2 NF photoelectrodes. For the long-term storage-stability, the fabricated cells were kept in the dark in ambient conditions for 288 h. The devices were not encapsulated for the stability test. For the light-stability test, the devices were exposed to continuous light illumination (100 mW cm^{-2}) in ambient conditions and the data were obtained in reverse scan direction at every 8 min. In Y-axis (normalized PV parameters), $\text{PCE}(in)$, $J_{sc}(in)$, $V_{oc}(in)$ and $FF(in)$ represents the initial (0 hr) PV values of the devices.

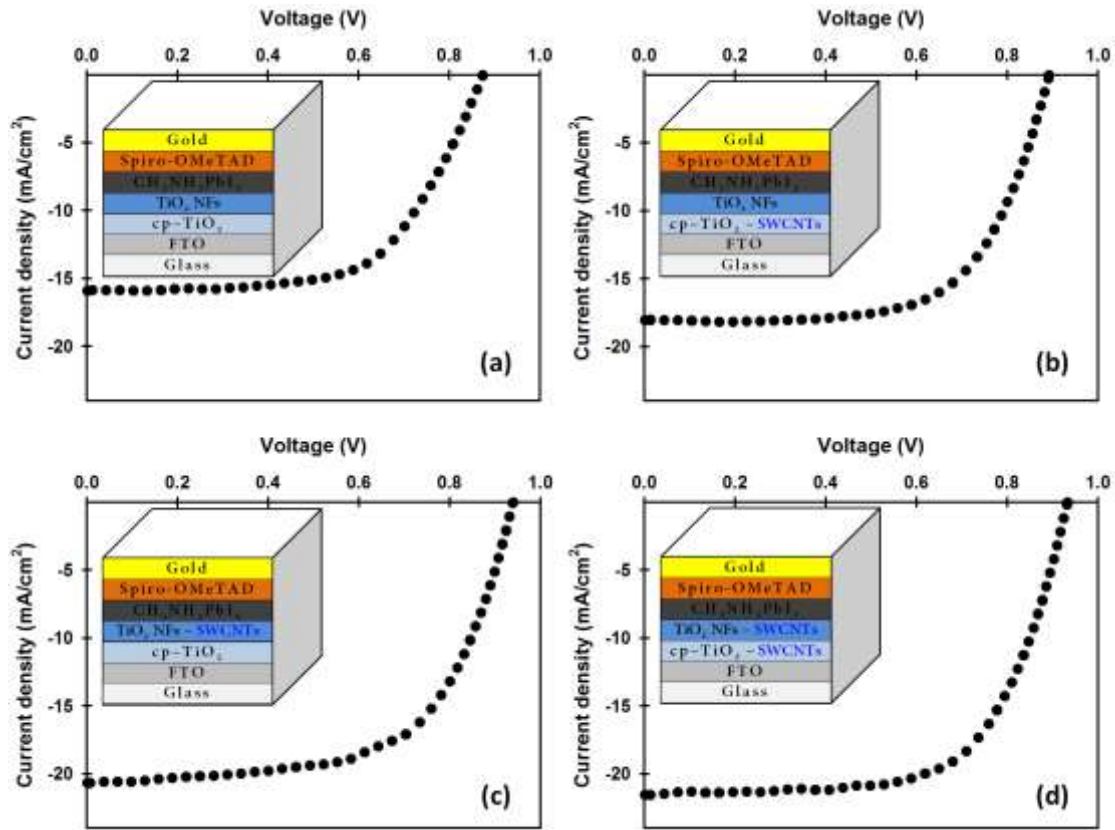


Figure S9. J - V curves of PSCs based on (a) compact (cp)- TiO_2 and TiO_2 NFs-only photoelectrode without any SWCNTs, (b) SWCNTs incorporated cp - TiO_2 layer and TiO_2 NFs-only photoelectrode, (c) cp - TiO_2 layer and SWCNTs incorporated TiO_2 NFs photoelectrode, and (d) SWCNTs incorporated into both cp - TiO_2 and TiO_2 NFs photoelectrode. An aperture mask was used during the J - V test.

Table S4. Detailed PV parameters of PSCs based on (Structure A) cp - TiO_2 and TiO_2 NFs-only photoelectrode without any SWCNTs, (Structure B) SWCNTs incorporated cp - TiO_2 layer and TiO_2 NFs-only photoelectrode, (Structure C) cp - TiO_2 layer and SWCNTs incorporated TiO_2 NFs photoelectrode, and (Structure D) SWCNTs incorporated into both cp - TiO_2 and TiO_2 NFs photoelectrode. The device structures are shown in the inset of Figure S9.

Device	J_{sc} (mA cm^{-2})	V_{oc} (V)	FF	PCE (%)	Average PCE (%)
Structure A	15.91	0.87	0.62	8.56	8.21 ± 0.46
Structure B	18.02	0.89	0.64	10.38	9.88 ± 0.43
Structure C	20.68	0.94	0.62	12.03	11.51 ± 0.40
Structure D	21.51	0.93	0.65	13.04	12.75 ± 0.43

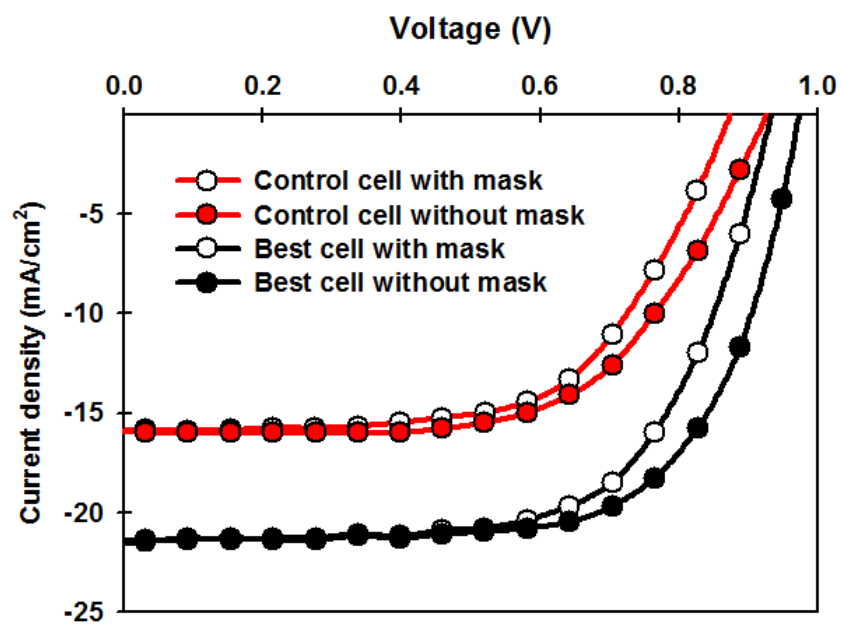


Figure S10. Effect of aperture masking on the J - V measurement of the PSC devices. The control cell is fabricated with the device structure shown in Figure 1a (without any SWCNT), while the best cell is made of structure such as that illustrated in the inset of Figure 9. The overlapped area of FTO electrode (anode) and gold electrode (cathode) was 0.14 cm^2 . The aperture mask with an area of 0.081 cm^2 was used for the measurement with mask.