From: Jon Thompson

Sent: Mon, 5 Feb 2024 19:12:38 -0800 **To:** RTW3contest@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Tekari class protected cruiser design of 1896

Attachments: Tekari production page 2.JPG, Tekari production page 1.JPG

My apologies; I messed up the attachments & had to recreate the hull. See new attachments with the gun page instead of the graphics ...

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 6:53 PM Jon Thompson dw.hostruckjohn@gmail.com wrote:

It was clear that the Yuan Dynasty resented its defeat in the first Sino-Japanese War and were bending all their efforts to preparing for a rematch. Given the neutrality of the British, it was essential to move from foreign built designs to domestic designs. With a solid core of armored cruisers in service and new battleships building in the home yards, it was time to replace the obsolescent hodgepodge of prewar protected cruisers. The Imperial Navy needed a modern design, fast enough to run down its Chinese counterparts and with enough firepower to sink them, and able to screen against the new menace of torpedo boat destroyers. Still lacking good 7" or 8" weapons, the Navy chose a 6" main battery and a 4" secondary battery as the best weapons it could mount on the Tekari class while still reaching 22 knots in a hull with barely adequate armor. The Navy would not have to wait long to see if these new cruisers were worth the yen invested in them.

I often build a design like this in the mid-1890s to deal with the annoying protected cruiser chase scenarios prevalent in wartime.

Best regards,

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