The Uchimura Prize was inaugurated in 1992 on the initiative of the Japanese Centre of ITI in honour of the former president, Naoya Uchimura, the Japanese playwright who devoted his life to promoting mutual knowledge and understanding of theatre throughout the world. 2015 the prize is awarded and funded by the Japanese Centre and has become a biannual award. It aims to stimulate and encourage initiatives taken by groups or individual artists outside Japan, leading to an action or project bearing a relation to Japanese theatre.

**Five Modern No Plays, directed by Mateja Koležnik, Slovenia**

The 21st Uchimura Prize has been awarded to the performance “Five Modern No Plays” (Kindai Nogaku-Shu / Moderne No Drama) by Yukio Mishima, directed by Mateja Koležnik, Slovenia.

**Announcement of the 22nd Uchimura Prize**

The 22nd Uchimura Prize will be promoted through the ITI Channels (Website, ITI Newsletter, etc.) in 2016.