Japan Habba on Sunday

The popular annual Indo-Japanese cultural exchange, Japan Habba, is all set to be conducted on Sunday (February 21) at the Jnana Jyothi auditorium. The theme of the festival this year is 'Chochin', the traditional Japanese lantern which embodies festivals and festivities in Japan. This will be the 12th edition of the festival. "For the first time this year, the song and dance of Sawara Bayashi (festival song and dance of Sawara city in Chiba prefecture near Tokyo, Japan) will be performed, besides a display of traditional Japanese games," said Srividya Ananthapadmanabhan, chairperson, Japan Habba organising committee. Other activities include performance of Kannada songs by Japanese choir team, demonstration of Japanese martial arts, Ikebana, anime, to name a few. As many as 1,350 visitors attended the Japan Habba last year, of which around 250 were Japanese. "This year we are expecting 1,600 visitors," he said.