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Resident Sterling Bobbitt was one of two people to speak to the council about the water chestnut, an invasive weed found in the waters of Mansfield Hollow Lake. Bobbitt said the weed is so invasive he calls it by a different name.

"I prefer the name water caltrop which does a better job of describing the devilish seeds it produces. Like the caltrop that police use to shred the tires of escaping felons, the water caltrop has sharp thorns protruding from multiple sides, capable of piercing skin," Bobbitt said.

Bobbitt tried to get rid of the water chestnut at Mansfield Hollow Lake with volunteers on kayaks, who scooped the weed into a net. He argued the threat water chestnut poses to the lake warrants collaboration between the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Windham Water Works and local governments like Mansfield's.

Interim Town Manager Amanda Backhaus said she would consult the town's environmental planner, Michael Stankhov, on a collaborative grant application between the town of Mansfield and Windham Water Works about addressing the water chestnut.

Lynn Stoddard, chair for the Mansfield Sustainability Committee, continued the focus on environmental issues by requesting that the council's new leadership designs all new construction and renovations for town buildings around net zero carbon dioxide emissions.

Stoddard reminded the council of its approval for multiple statements of intent, such as the 2021 Mansfield Climate Emergency Resolution, which aimed to have government operations go net zero by 2030.

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Shaiken said the council would wait on a decision about net zero construction requirements amid anxiety surrounding the cost of things like heat pumps for smaller projects, which would make completing Stoddard's request challenging.

Stoddard said one other important commitment was the deconstruction resolution the council signed in January, which would recycle materials when a building is being renovated or demolished.

During the town manager's report, Backhaus said the town is following the resolution with the replacement of Mansfield Fire Station 107 by surveying the area and getting an estimate to deconstruct the old building.

"We are looking to deconstruct, we are not looking to just demolish and put it into a dumpster," Backhaus said about the old building.



**Several members of the Town Council sit in the Mansfield Town Center on Monday, Nov. 9, 2026. This was Ben Shaiken's first Town Council meeting as the mayor of Mansfield.**

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# Who is Alice Huang?

## The woman at the center of Nvidia's scandal remains elusive

AP — Her sleeveless pink dress, her sparkly heels, her belted white coat. The wine glass she held, the resort she visited, the bench she sat on.

As Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's scandal makes headlines, a breathless public has scrutinized apparent images of the woman at the center of it all for clues to who she is.

The photographs have spread widely. Much of her story has not.

The explosive tale of Chinese businesswoman Alice Huang — involving marital betrayal, international intrigue and accusations of espionage — has rocked the tech and political worlds. Yet basic questions about her life — and how she grew close to one of the world's most powerful technology executives — remain unanswered.

Here's a look at what's known about Alice Huang:

**A relationship with an AI poster boy under scrutiny**

Alice Huang, also known as Huang Le, drew wide attention last month, when The New York Times reported she had formed a close relationship with Nvidia's chief and passed information to Beijing. U.S. officials, the Times reported, had concluded Alice Huang was a Chinese spy who had been recruited to influence California-based Nvidia to make its most advanced chips more available in China, a discovery the paper said set off alarms as high as the White House.

Jensen Huang is a poster boy for the AI revolution and one of the world's wealthiest people, with a personal fortune that Forbes estimates at more than $150 billion. The scandal has cast new light on the Taiwan-born executive, who just months ago insisted in an interview with The Associated Press that he is "deeply boring." By Sunday, that assertion was upended by his letter to Nvidia's board of directors admitting to being unfaithful to his wife without identifying the woman with whom he'd had an affair.

It remains unclear when the apparent affair started and when it might have ended. The Associated Press was unable to reach Alice Huang for comment.

**A career traced through corporate records and digital breadcrumbs**

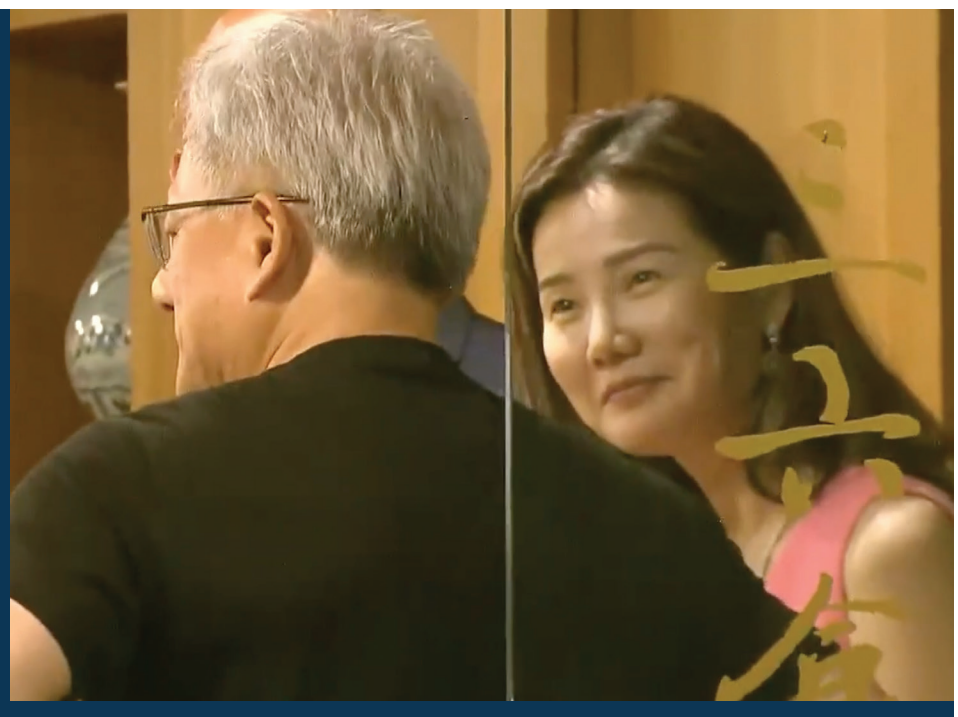
Alice Huang, once a television reporter in China, became a director at Singapore-based Megaspeed in 2023. The company, which describes itself as a "Nvidia cloud partner," has faced scrutiny from the U.S. over its alleged skirting of U.S. export restrictions and routing a large amount of advanced chips to China.

Megaspeed, spun off as the overseas arm of a Chinese video game developer, was originally incorporated in Singapore in 2015 as 7Road International, according to corporate registration records. It was renamed Megaspeed International in March 2023, with all of its shares transferred to a British Virgin Islands company.

That island company is known by a name shared with Alice Huang: Huang Le Limited.

After the renaming, Alice Huang became Megaspeed's controlling shareholder, according to research by the C4ADS, a Washington-based nonprofit focused on global security. Eight months later, she was no longer listed as a director at Megaspeed, and her shares were transferred to a Singaporean businessman, Tan Yong Pong, who also is known as James Tan. While public records show Alice Huang leaving Megaspeed, short seller Culper Research issued a report suggesting otherwise.

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> CHINA'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



**In this image taken from video provided by TVBS, Alice Huang attends a dinner hosted by Jensen Huang, Nvidia's CEO, at a restaurant in Taipei, Taiwan, May 22, 2025.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF TVBS VIA AP

Huang was "actually still our boss," a Megaspeed employee claimed in the May report, and was still involved in the company's daily operations.

Before Megaspeed, Alice Huang held senior positions at the Chinese firm Shanghai Hexi Investment Co. from around 2015 to 2017, according to social media posts and records from Simuwang, a Chinese private equity database. Hexi founder Kang Wei, who appeared on some records alongside Alice Huang, was fined in 2018 by China's securities regulator 400,000 yuan (about $60,000) over financial misconduct behavior, while the company was fined 17.7 million yuan (about $2.7 million).

Before that, Alice Huang worked at HSBC's Hong Kong private banking arm and at CITIC Securities, a Chinese investment bank.

HSBC and CITIC did not immediately respond to a request for comment on her employment history.

**Denials from Beijing and scrutiny from Singapore**

Beijing has rebutted claims that Alice Huang was a Chinese spy, calling the allegation "unsubstantiated."

"It is nothing but smears against China," the Foreign Ministry said.

Megaspeed did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It boasts on its website of being "a core business partner" for Nvidia in Asia.

Nvidia likewise lists Megaspeed as a partner on its own site.

Late last year, Megaspeed denied accusations following reports that it was routing Nvidia chips to China, saying in a statement on its website that "there has been no evidence of any violations concerning the illicit transfer of chips or any illegal activities."

Taiwan's Interior Minister Liu Shyh-fang said this week that authorities, including national security officials, are "actively" looking into questions surrounding Megaspeed and Alice Huang. Singapore also said it was investigating Megaspeed and that it "does not condone businesses" circumventing or violating other countries' export controls.

However, Singapore's government said, there were no investigations conducted with respect to Alice Huang.

That won't stop the wider public from continuing to seek answers about her. But for nearly every morsel of information that surfaces, a multitude of other questions remain.

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